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Blake

Overhears Vermont Felicitate Maine on Notable Additions

By MORGAN BLAKE

"THE FAMILY'S growing," said Vermont to Maine;
"Our household has shown an encouraging gain.
From four years ago the upsurge has been fine—
We've now got enough for a full baseball nine;
Colorado, Nebraska, also Indiana,
Are now playing ball underneath our brave banner;
Also, through the grace of the generous voters,
Come Kansas, Iowa, those brother Dakotas;
Why should the election cause us to feel blue
When there're nine in the fold now instead of just two?"

Flash!

"By golly!" cried Vermont, "I'm happy to say
Old Michigan's come in—so hip, hip, hooray!
Our line-up, old fellow, is gathering steam;
We've now got enough for a swell softball team!"

The "Vitality Club"

Last evening it was a delightful privilege to be a guest of the Vitality Club, of which D. T. Robinson is president, and say a few words to these splendid ladies and gentlemen, so interested in the matter of physical, mental and spiritual health.

One of the most stirring words in the English language is "vitality." To possess it is a greater blessing than any material wealth.

I suggested to the club the possibility that they had selected me to talk to them as a sort of "horrible example" of the lack of vitality, especially from a physical standpoint.

Many mental and spiritual giants have achieved great work despite bad health, but they were exceptions to the rule. Most of us can testify that when the old stomach is acting up and the body is aching the matter of writing a column or making a speech or doing any kind of work is increasingly difficult.

The first preparations made by Germany looking to spreading the "new order" all over Europe was to develop a race of healthy people. Mr. Hitler not only suggested discipline for physical fitness; he compelled it. The German soldiers who invaded Belgium, Holland and France have been reported by neutral observers as being about the finest physical specimens that ever went to war.

No one knows what future problems and tasks face all classes of our citizens. Civilians are as much involved these days in wars as are soldiers. A nationwide campaign for physical fitness and health would be a fine program for 1941.

A Great Social Project

Every time I begin to get really discouraged about the human race I regain hope and confidence by remembering the vast number of people in my immediate acquaintance who are laboring every day they live in some sacrificial work for other people less privileged than they are.

One of these is S. J. Thompson, founder and director of the Atlanta Colored Boys' Club at 277 Auburn Avenue. This man is carrying on a far-reaching ministry to the Negro boys and girls of our city. In commendation of this work here is an opinion by no less an authority than that beloved and noble citizen, Judge Garland Watkins, of the Juvenile Court:

"May I say that the boys' club work as developed in this county under S. J. Thompson has been very helpful in reducing delinquency among underprivileged colored boys. He has been doing this work under my immediate observation for a number of years. I know of no other agency among colored people working with boys of this class with such effectiveness as this one. He has been in almost regular attendance at this court for the past seven years. He is a man of honesty and integrity, and is rendering meritorious service in a field where the need is great."

Every day this boys' club touches the lives of some 400 to 450 youngsters of that race from 5 to 18 years of age. They are taken off the streets and from an environment that breeds thieves and criminals and taught the real values of life—honesty, kindness, courtesy and cleanliness of body and mind. The average citizen doesn't realize the menace to the community of thousands of underprivileged boys of both races roaming the streets with but little if any discipline in their lives.

Church Women to Help This Work

This morning I attended a meeting of the church women of many denominations in Atlanta at the St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Mrs. Edwin G. Mackay, wife of the pastor of the First Methodist Church, is president. I had been asked to speak to the ladies on the social problems of our city, and I learned while there that these church women had selected as their special social work this year, aid and assistance to S. J. Thompson in his labors for the underprivileged Negro boys.

The Atlanta Boys' Club for white boys is now one of the projects of the Community Fund, and its financial problems will be met by this great organization. The Negro club is not under the Fund, but by next year, through the help of the Church Women's organization, it is believed this will be accomplished.

S. J. Thompson, director of the club, was present at the meeting and expressed his gratitude that these fine women were to sponsor his work.

The club's quarters are, of course, entirely inadequate for the work. Most of the financial support has come from Thompson himself. He has achieved splendid results even in the congested place he is in. But the ultimate and vital aim is for a real club building.

Thompson has capitalized on the love of music born in the soul of the Negro race, and has a great boys' chorus in his club. In the club the boys are given body-building exercises, play all sorts of games, and learn the lessons of sportsmanship and unselfishness.

Richmond Va. Times-Dispatch
October 25, 1940

For Richmond's Negro Youth

IS THERE a worthier cause in Richmond than the provision of wholesome recreational facilities and opportunities for creative work, for the Negro boys of the city? Richmond's population is nearly one-third colored, yet the colored Y. M. C. A. is housed in a building more than a century old at Third and Leigh Streets, and is equipped with complete inadequacy. So long as that remains true, the city's Negro youth will grow up without sufficient opportunities for healthful development of body, mind and spirit.

The colored Y. M. C. A., which is not a member agency of the Community Fund, and which operates on an almost miraculously small budget, is asking Richmond for a mere $5,000 with which to carry on essential activities during the coming year. It is asking $2,500 from the Negroes of the city, and an equal sum from the whites. Thus far, the Negroes have raised $2,134.50 out of their relatively slender purses, and the whites have raised only $1,520.

Are the white citizens of Richmond going to take this challenge lying down? Will they fail to raise even the small sum of $2,500 for their Negro fellow citizens, whose welfare is so essential to their own? Will they sit idly by, and give no aid, when Negro youth is being reared in squalor, disease and crime? That is not Richmond's way, and we cannot believe the city's white population will follow any such course. Nor does it seem at all likely that the Negroes will fail to supply their quota, since they are much nearer to its realization than the whites are.

Members of both groups who desire to further this worthy cause should send their contributions to Dr. Gordon B. Hancock, general chairman, 214 East Leigh Street.

Danville, Va., Register
November 3, 1940

Name New Secretary For Ne o Y. M. C. A.

P. S. Brodnax, president of the Watkin-Thompson colored branch of the Y. M. C. A., has announced the appointment of John Henry Byrd, Jr., as executive secretary of the colored branch beginning November 1st.

The new secretary graduated in 1938 from the Virginia State College at Petersburg, since which time he has been teaching in the public schools of Virginia and North Carolina.

The work of the colored "Y" has been carried on with volunteer leadership since mid-summer when C. M. Edwards, former secretary, tendered his resignation.

While the colored Y. M. C. A. will serve colored men and boys of Danville generally its main work will be centered around boys, mostly of the under-privileged type, in order to give a constructive, character-building program that will help to develop them into better citizens and to keep them out o fthe "toils" of the law.

The new secretary comes with good recommendations, and the directors of the Association look forward to an excellent program during the coming year.

Roxboro, N. C. Courier
November 16, 1940

Negro Scouting Outfit Is Formed Wdnesday Night

Installation Ceremony Held at Person County Training School Here

LOCAL SCOUT LEADERS PRESENT FOR SERVICE

The first scout troop for colored boys ever organized in Person County came into being Wednesday night with appropriate ceremonies held at Person County Training School here. Among the official scout leaders attending the dedicatory service were A. P. "Pat" Patterson, Cherokee Council executive, D. C. Swartz, district scout commissioner, C. A. Harris, and several local troop leaders.

This organization, troop 61, was presented its charter by Mr. Patterson. Receiving it on behalf of the troop was its committee, whose members are: Buck Jones, chairman, Claude Trotter, Dr. R. A. Bryce, Fred Buckner, A. F. Kirk and Hubert H. Lunsford. Scoutmaster is A. W. Jones, whose assistants are William Majors and J. Clarence Owens.

During the ceremonies, short talks were made by C. A. Harris, Dr. Robert E. Long, and Dr. Bryce. Dr. Long is scoutmaster of troop 49, whose members presented the installation service.

Members of troop 61 are: Stanley Bailey, Edward Barnett, Quincy Dickens, Billy Dickens, John Willis Johnson, Alexander Jones, Matthew Williams, Alex Springfield, Willard Springfield and Philemon Trotter.

Commissioner Swartz presented them their registration cards, and Executive Patterson awarded their Tenderfoot badges.

The meeting adjourned following a song and the "pledge to the Flag".

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times
November 17, 1940

NEGRO GROUP TO HEAR NATIVE OF INDIA SPEAK

Vesper services at the Leonard Street Presbyterian church, the Rev. Jesse Belmont Barber, pastor, will be featured today at 5 p.m. by an address by Esther Satiavati Cotelingam, native of India, who is being presented here by the Girls' Reserve department of the Phillis Wheatley branch Young Women's Christian association.

She is a graduate of Maharainis Women's college, in Mysore, India, and is taking a special course in social studies at the Atlanta School of Social Work, on a scholarship. She will finish her course in June of next year at the Atlanta school and return to her country for service.

Members of the Howard High Alumni association who will meet at 4 p.m. at the school, for reports of committees will attend the service in a body, it was announced yesterday by Walter D. Parks, president of the school group.

The speaker, a native of Bellary, India, will also address other audiences here during her stay, it was stated by Emarita Pitts, of the Y. W. C. A.-Reserve department.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times
October 29, 1940

NEGROES SEEK TO WORK ON COLORED Y.W.C.A.

Negro skilled workmen are seeking to be employed on the $16,000 remodeling project for the Phillis Wheatley branch, Young Women's Christian association, contract for which has been let and work to start at an early date, according to Odell Lowery, president of the Negro carpenters' local, No. 2216.

Lowery stated yesterday that he had had conferences with the colored committee and by telephone with Z. W. Wheland, of the central committee trustees, stating that "in all fairness to our race mechanics, who are properly unionized, we feel that some of the skilled work on our colored Y. W. C. A. should be given to our people."

Members of the committee are Allen Lupton, Mr. Wheland and Miss Willie Coleman. Contract for the remodeling has been let to Smith Bros. Louis Bull is the architect.

Columbia, S. C. State
October 29, 1940

Negro Girl Scouts To Broadcast Today

Troop 14 of Negro Girl Scouts will broadcast over WCOS at 2:30 this afternoon in a tribute to Juliette Lowe, founder of Girl Scouting in America.

Troop 14, which was organized April 27, 1939, by the wife of J. E. Dickson, farm agent, is composed of 22 girls between the ages of ten and 18.

Y.M.C.A. - 1940

Wilmington YM-YW Building Fine Example Of Interracial Enterprise

SEP 19 1940

THERE is much more "interracial" activity going on all the time than is seen on the surface. Unfortunately, much of it is on an altogether too low plane.

However, in the neighboring city of Wilmington, Del., there is being dedicated this week an interracial enterprise of which every element in the community may well be proud. A philanthropic white citizen has not only given $500,000 with which to erect a building which will house YM-YW activities for colored Wilmingtonians, but has set aside an endowment fund of $350,000 to guarantee the continuity of the services which the building is intended to render. Phila. Inquirer

Interracial activity of this kind lifts the entire community and calls for the heartiest commendation of all right-thinking citizens, irrespective of race, creed or color.

A significant aspect of the gift is the bringing together in one building of similar activities for both sexes, thus reducing overhead and making it possible to provide under one roof better facilities than would be possible otherwise. Phila., Pa

THE TRIBUNE congratulates heartily both the donor of the new YM-YW building in Wilmington and the citizens of Wilmington.

Chattanooga, Tenn. Daily Times
October 23, 1940

$16,000 WILL BE SPENT FOR COLORED Y.W.C.A.

A building permit has been issued by Warren Copeland, city building inspector, for the remodeling of the colored branch of the Young Women's Christian association, Eighth and Magnolia streets.

The architect for the structure is Louis Bull, and the building will be altered by Smith Brothers, contractors. The cost will be $16,000.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., News
May 21, 1940

Scout Official To Visit Here

National Director Of Inter-Racial Work Arrives Wednesday

Stanley A. Harris, national director of inter-racial Scout activities, will visit Tuscaloosa Wednesday for a conference with local Scout leaders on the work of the negro Boy Scouts. He will arrive tomorrow morning and after a meeting with local Scout leaders, will speak to the Stillman Institute student body at 9:30 a.m. chapel exercises.

At 10:30 o'clock he will meet with the Tuscaloosa Negro Ministerial Association and at 12:30 p. m. he will meet with members of the Council Training Committee to discuss plans for a negro training course to be held at Stillman Institute on July 5, 6, and 7. At 3:30 o'clock he will address a meeting of all negro Scout leaders and other interested persons in the VanHoose auditorium.

Inter-racial Scouting has made rapid progress in the Black Warrior Council in the past few years. There are at present 15 such Boy Scout troops and over 200 negro Scouts in the council.

Mr. Harris, a native of Johnson County, Tennessee, entered Boy Scout work as a scoutmaster in 1908 under the aegis of British Scout authority. At that time the Scouting movement had not been organized in the United States. After American Scouting was launched in 1910 he was commissioned a Scoutmaster in the national Boy Scout organization.

Prior to entering Scout work he was graduated from Aaron Seminary in 1899, was graduated from the University of Chattanooga three years later and after engaging in commercial activities became general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Frankfort, Ky.

In 1912 he became state boys' work secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for Kentucky, resigning his scoutmastership and was commissioned a special field Scout commissioner by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. In this capacity, he served until 1917 when he became national field commissioner with headquarters at Richmond, Va.

The following year he was Scout Executive at Washington, D. C. for a time and in September, 1918, was transferred to Memphis, Tenn., as national field executive in charge of work in 14 states of the South and Southwest. In 1922 he was made assistant national field director and in 1926 national director of inter-racial activities, an important branch of the work of the Boy Scouts of America.

New Y Unit Called Best American in Nation

DuPont Official's Gift Aimed at Civic Betterment

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WILMINGTON, Del. — When the Walnut Street Christian Association was dedicated September 22, this city opened one of the finest and most completely equipped YM and YWCA units in the country. Baltimore Sun

Situated in the heart of the colored district and fronting on three streets — Tenth, Walnut and Wilson — its modified Scandinavian architecture and its neatly kept shrubbery-hedged lawns hold the eyes of all who love beauty.

Gift of Philanthropists

But there is more to these three stories of concrete and steel than well-appointed program rooms, spacious recreation hall with modern stage and equipment, bowling alleys and billiard tables, tiled swimming pool or large gymnasium.

Gift of Mr. and Mrs. H. Fletcher Brown, wealthy philanthropists, the Walnut Street Christian Association is a challenge to keep a faith. For with the gift, Mr. Brown, an official of the DuPont Company, expressed the belief that, extended a helping hand, the colored citizens could satisfactorily operate and maintain a program of Christian benefit to all in the community.

No "Charity" Involved

He made it clear that the building and its accompanying endowment was not to be considered as charity, that he and his wife were simply sharing the enterprise by applying their resources to the gap the community was unable to fill.

And gallantly, with more than 1400 already enrolled in various clubs and plans which show that it will rapidly become the religious, civic, social and educational center, Wilmington and the entire State are responding.

Previous YM Efforts Failed

While there has been a Tatnall Street branch of the YWCA for some years, for some reason, previous sporadic attempts to organize a YMCA have failed.

In January, 1939, a group of six determined men met at Bethel AME Church to outline plans for such a movement. Only one of these men knew of the proposed gift, or that this little group was to form the nucleus for an experiment.

Not until months later did the rest of them know how much depended on their efforts; yet they carried on a full program, raised money for a 1940 budget, demonstrated their interest in the national movement by participating in the fiftieth anniversary program, and today, as a result, there are 1200 men and 475 boys on the membership rolls.

Interest Proved

"This showed us," said Boyd W. Overton, executive secretary, and chairman of the first meeting at Bethel, "that the membership of these men was on a purposeful basis." In other words, they were joining the Y, not the building.

General headquarters of the YWCA, under Mrs. Marjorie Humber Jackson, who was appointed to her position as executive secretary in September, 1939, succeeding Mrs. Alberta Williams are on the second floor.

The first floor, in the main, excluding the gymnasium and the recreation hall which are on the second floor, will be used by the YMCA. The four bowling alleys and billiard tables are situated in the special sound-proof basement, while the dormitories occupy the third floor.

For the past twenty years, he was executive secretary of the Ninth Street YMCA in Cincinnati, resigning in December, 1938, to accept his present position.

Adequately endowed, no expense was spared in building the institution that is expected to serve residents of the entire State, and preliminary estimates fell far short as additional features were installed.

Veteran Y Worker

A graduate of the University of Cincinnati and George Williams College (YMCA school), Mr. Overton served as executive secretary of Y work at Camp Sherman in Chillicothe, Ohio, and executive director at Camp Pike, Little Rock, Ark., during the World War.

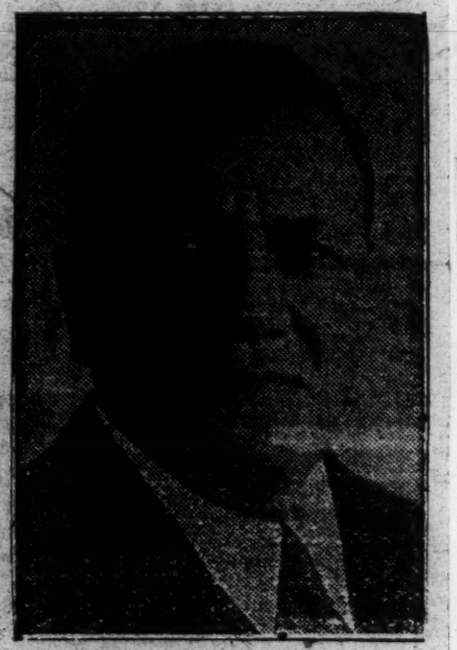
YMCA DIRECTOR IS ONE OF SIX ON COMMITTEE

The Plaindealer
Kansas City
Kansas

He Is Also a Minister In Colored Methodist Episcopal Church

SEP 27 1940

NEW YORK CITY — Dr. Channing H. Tobias, Director of Negro Work of the National Council of the YMCA received notice this week from President Roosevelt that he had been appointed as one of the members of a six man Advisory Committee to help coordinate plans for conscription of man power in the selective draft movement. President Roosevelt made the announcement September 21 at his Hyde Park home. Tobias is the only Negro member of the Committee.



DR. C. H. TOBIAS

He is a nationally known leader. educator and minister. He is a member of the Colored Methodist Episcopal church and holds membership in the Washington-Philadelphia conference over which Bishop C. H. Russell presides. He has been a delegate to the General Conference of his denomination since 1906 except for one time, and has frequently been urged to seek the Bishropric in his denomination.

Tobias is a scholar, having graduated from Payne college, Augusta, Georgia, one of the leading colleges of the CME church, Drew Theological Seminary and the University of Pennsylvania. He has traveled abroad and done considerable religious research work. He is a representative of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and is donsidered one of the most outstanding lecturers of the day. He was formerly Executive Secretary of the Glendarm Branch of the YWCA at Denver, Colorado.

Newport News, Va. Press
September 22, 1940

VIRGINIA YOUTH SESSION OPENS

Negro Conference Continues Today

An address by William M. Cooper, director of Hampton institute's extension department, on opportunities for training and work open to the Negro race last night closed the first day's session of the fourth annual Statewide conference for Negro young men, which opened at noon yesterday at the Negro community center with a luncheon.

About 50 young men are delegates to the conference from various Virginia cities. The final business session will open at 9 this morning, followed by a church service at the center at 11. The conference sermon will be delivered at 3 by Rev. I. H. Ruffin, pastor of the First (Negro) Baptist church, East end; and at 4:30 a presentation and dedication of a flag for the community center will take place.

The flag will be presented by W. A. Jordan, and accepted by J. Alexander Williams, manager of the center, and L. F. Palmer, principal of Huntington high school. Edward J. Robeson Jr., personnel manager at the local shipyard, will speak at this ceremony.

A. H. Lichty, State secretary of the Young Men's Christian association, which is sponsoring the conference, is attending and remarked that this was the best of all the conferences for Negro youths yet held by the association.

Negro Leaders Speak

The conference theme is "factors affecting Virginia young men and their future," and the speakers on the subject, all of them Negroes, are discussing four divisions of factors—religious, political, industrial, and domestic.

Cooper last night outlined the possibilities of acquisition of expert skills through vocational courses at Hampton institute, the State College for Negroes at Petersburg, and another State school. He urged that Negroes make full use of existing educational opportunities and at the same time "keep knocking at the door" for additional facilities.

He also discussed possibilities for employment, and emphasized the importance of character in retaining employment after it had been obtained.

During the afternoon, discussing the religious factors, Rt. Rev. M. H. Davis, D. D., bishop of the Southeastern district of the Afro-Methodist Episcopal church, described the rigorous life—including that of the church—in the days of the first settlers—and compared it with that today. He said the nation's builders first built cabins for shelter and protection and churches next; and that in comparison to the brief services of today, they went to Sunday school at 7 a. m.; at 10 listened to a prayer an hour long and a sermon three hours long; and then, after recess, to a "short" hour's sermon.

But, he said, in those days one little jail would hold all a state's convicts whereas today both jails and penitentiaries are overflowing Without religion, he said, nothing of social value is obtainable.

Citizenship Issues

Following him Major Campbell C. Johnson, a reserve officer and secretary of a Washington Y. M. C. A., spoke on the political factors. He outlined the respective responsibilities of the individual and of his government, and expressed the theory that democratic government consists of carrying out the expressed will of the majority.

Discussing the place and power of the ballot in a minority group, Johnson urged the young men to use the ballot to the fullest possible extent and to use it intelligently. He charged that states which bar Negroes from Democratic primaries are "not democratic but Fascist," and urged that the young men continue their efforts to obtain admission for Negroes into primary elections in states which still bar them.

Johnson also discussed at some length the relation of conscription to the Negro, pointing out that While President Roosevelt has stated that about 37,000 Negroes will be drafted "we want to know whether we will be assigned to combat or whether we will be put to work as stevedores . . . and whether Negro reserve officers will be called to active duty."

At this morning's session the fourth factor, marriage and homemaking, will be discussed by Mrs. Ethel Stephens, an instructor at Howard university.

Lynchburg sent seven delegates; Richmond, six; Norfolk, five; Roanoke, nine; and Newport News, 16. In the local group the First Baptist church (Jefferson avenue) sent four; Zion Baptist and Carver Memorial Presbyterian, one each; St. Paul's A. M. E. church, three; Huntington high school, two; and the community center, five.

Atlanta, Ga. Constitution
November 7, 1940

Silas Green Shows Will Play Tonight

The Silas Green Shows, known as "Silas Green from New Orleans," will play at 8:15 o'clock tonight in the city auditorium. Proceeds will go to the Negro Boys' Club.

The Green show is one of the oldest musical comedy units on tour and it manages to incorporate some educational features in the program.

Asheville, N. C., Times
October 31, 1940

Negro Troops Will Observe Scout Week

Two negro Girl Scout troops will observe national Girl Scout week with a joint program Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Phyllis Wheatley building on College street.

The troops taking part will be senior troop No. 40 from Stephens Lee high school and intermediate troop No. 42 from St. Anthony's church.

The program, "America First," will open with an investiture service for the intermediate troop at which time the members will receive Scout pins. Helen Guffin, member of the senior troop, will give the history of Girl Scouts, and a girl from each troop will give the history of her organization. A flag ceremony will be presented by troop No. 40 at the conclusion of the program.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Free Press
October 26, 1940

COLORED SCOUT LEADERS GIVEN MERIT AWARDS

40 Certificates Issued To Group Attending Institute Session

Forty certificates last night were issued to Negro scout leaders who took part in the institute conducted this week at Joseph E. Smith School. Seventy-five were enrolled in the court and 120 were present at a reception last night, marking the close of the best attended and most successful training school ever held by the local Negro scouts.

The course was directed by A. J. Taylor, national Negro scout executive, who gave an address last night. The Tiger patrol, H. J. Hailey, leader, won the patrol contest with 545 points, J. H. Jenkins' Bobcats being second with 495 and H. D. Heath's Wildcats third with 425.

Scouters keys were presented to L. D. Collins, J. L. Morrow and M. L. Brown. Recognition for completion of requirements for scouter was given George A. Key. The division committee, introduced by Scout Executive J. L. Jenkins, consisted of Dr. W. B. Davis, chairman; Dr. L. L. Patton, L. D. Collins, Prof. G. A. Key, U. W. Richardson, J. L. Morros, C. H. Norton.

B. E. Loveman spoke in behalf of the inter-racial committee of the Boy Scout council. Dr. Davis served as toastmaster.

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FIRST YMCA OWNED BY COLORED

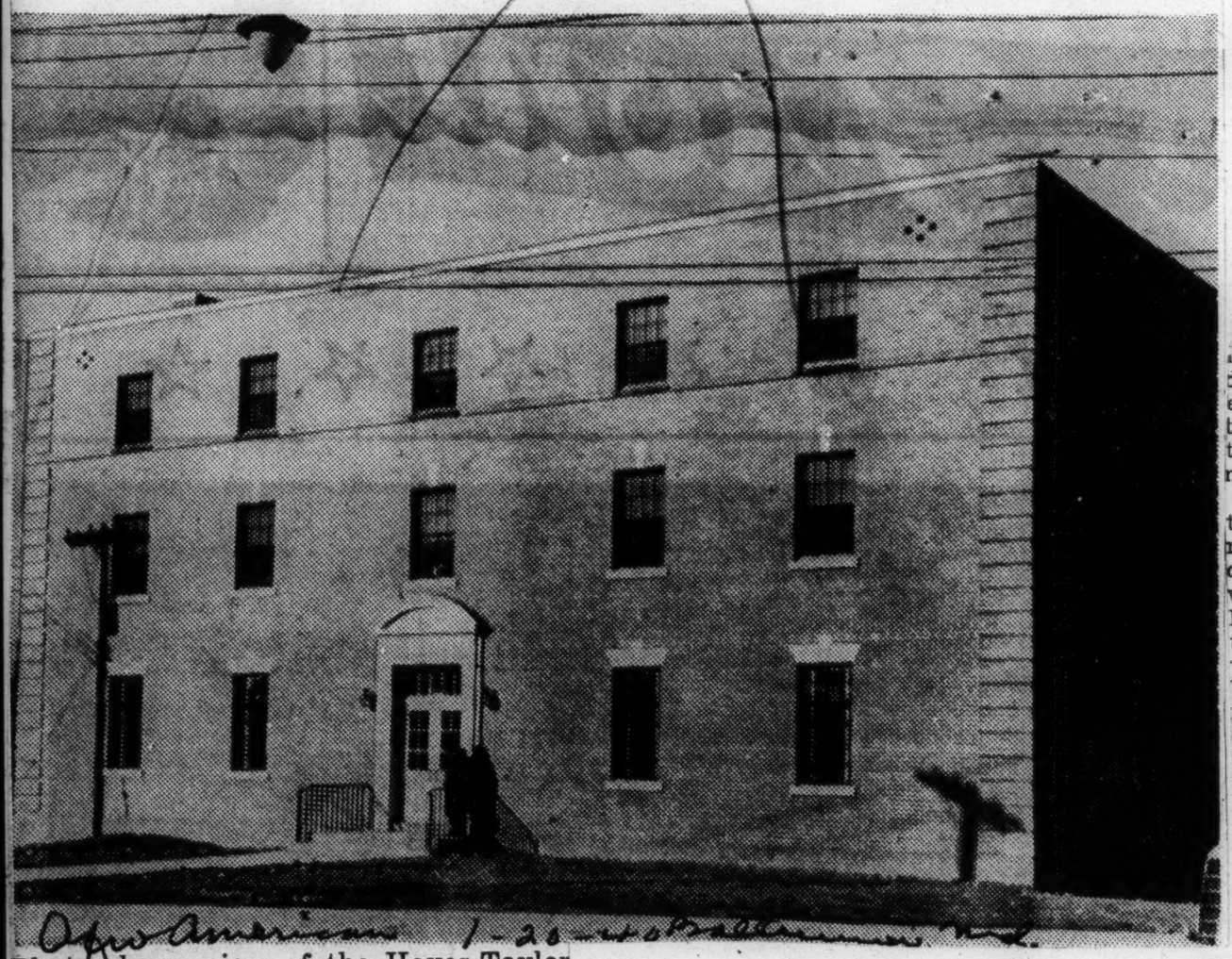

Photo shows view of the Hayes-Taylor Memorial YMCA, in Greensboro, N.C., a $60,000 structure, recently presented to the colored citizens of the city by Caesar Cone 2nd in memory of two employees, Mrs. Sally Hayes (deceased) and Andrew Taylor. This is the first YMCA owned by colored in North Carolina, the others being rented structures.

N. Carolina Gets First Colored Y

GREENSBORO, N.C. — The Hayes-Taylor Memorial branch of the Greensboro Young Men's Christian Association, the first in the State, was dedicated, last week, at ceremonies attended by more than 600 persons of both races.

The dedicatory speech was delivered by Dr. W. C. Jackson, dean of administration for Women's College. Dr. Jackson said that it was through such efforts that the two races' difficulties might be solved.

Dr. Jackson continued, "If there is still a question in the minds of anyone as to whether or not two races may live and work side by side, to solve problems with success and satisfaction, this event should be a convincing answer to them. This building should become another rallying point for mutual acquaintance, confidence and interests."

The building was erected and equipped at a cost of $60,000. It was the gift of Caesar Cone, 2nd, and was named in honor of Andrew Taylor and Sallie Hayes, employees of the Cones for a number of years.

Others on the program were: Dr. David D. Jones, president of Bennett College, representing the committee of management; the Rev. C. W. Cleland, of Bethel AME Church; J. Nelson Smith of North and South Carolina YMCA's; Dr. R. T. Weatherby and Mrs. Carolyn Law Otey.

Y TO PAY TRIBUTE TO ROSENWALD IN PROGRAM, SUNDAY

The Twelfth Street branch Y.M.C.A. will commemorate the late Julius Rosenwald at a memorial service which will be held in the Y building on Sunday, February 4, at 4 p.m.

The memorial address will be delivered by William H. Trent, Jr., adviser on Negro affairs, United States Department of the Interior.

Mr. Rosenwald will be remembered for his interest in the betterment of the American Negro. He was at one time trustee of Tuskegee Institute, which placed him in close and sympathetic touch with the late Booker T. Washington.

Mr. Rosenwald made possible through his aid the erection of 27 Y.M.C.A. buildings and two Y.W.C.A. buildings for Negroes. In 1929 he financed a housing project to house 1,500 Negroes in the city of Chicago.

Aided Rural Schools

Through the Rosenwald generosity, over 5,000 rural schools for Negroes have been built in 15 Southern states. A fund established by Mr. Rosenwald has provided over forty millions dollars for educational, civic and charitable purposes.

Dr. W. Napoleon Rivers, professor of French at Miner Teachers' College, is chairman of the Rosenwald memorial committee.

Other members of the committee are: Mrs. Beatrice Butcher, Eugene Davidson, Dr. W. T. Grady, Col. West A. Hamilton, Dr. Jesse A. Keene, M. Grant Lucas, Samuel D. Matthews, Walker L. Savoy and C. Anthony McCane.

The Rev. Arthur D. Gray, of

Plymouth Congregational Church, will offer the invocation. Special music will be given by the Y.M.C.A. co-educational chorus, under the direction of Miss Almira Streets.

AT 'Y' DINNER

Foster Proposes That A Lobby Be Established In Springfield

Several hundred persons representing the 78 member organizations of the Chicago Council of Negro Organizations heard reports from the chairmen of various subcommittees at the third annual dinner meeting at the Wabash Avenue Y.M.C.A. Saturday.

Dr. Clarence Payne presided. He was also the final speaker, making a report on the success which medical and dental groups had made during the past year, much of it with the support and cooperation of the council.

The agitation for the establishment of a hospital for tuberculosis to relieve the present acute overcrowded conditions at the Municipal Tuberculosis sanitarium and the holding of special classes to assist in the training of physicians to better diagnose and treat tuberculosis in its earlier stages were reported as definite gains in the field of health.

Report On Schools

George Hutchison, vice president and chairman of the council's committee on schools, reported on the activities of the council in securing support of its member organizations in the demand for more and better schools in order to relieve the present overcrowded conditions which make necessary the double shift system.

This report also told of the fight to secure more adequate training in vocational subjects with the enlargement of the Dunbar vocational school.

The report of the committee on legislation was made by A. L. Foster, executive secretary, Chicago Urban league. Mr. Foster made the charge that there are forces in America which are determined to further isolate the Race by establishing permanent segregatory areas, separate school systems even in northern cities and other distinctive facilities. He warned against the possibilities of the Race suffering greater hardships than it at present suffers in the south.

Proposes Lobby

He urged that the council raise at least $500 to establish a lobby in Springfield with the opening of the state legislature in 1941, when legislation inimical to the best interests of the Race would need to be defeated and legislation introduced by representatives for the betterment of the Race would need support in order to be passed.

Atty. P. S. Neville, reported for the committee on housing and traced the activities of the council and its member organizations in this field from the earlier stages of Chicago's fight against slums and for the erection of low cost housing projects, especially the Ida B. Wells housing project.

He pointed out that the council was determined that employees of the Ida B. Wells staff should be well qualified for their respective positions.

In Postal Fight

Reporting on the council's activities in relation to the plight of Negro postal employees, Rev. H. N. Marbly showed that the council and its member organizations had brought pressure to bear on the postmaster to follow the law rigidly in the matter of recognizing seniority in giving advancement to postal employees regardless of Race, religion or creed. Reverend Marbly read excerpts from various letters from congressmen and senators as well as from the postmaster.

Mrs. Irene McCoy Gaines, president of the council since, January, 1939, gave her annual report, which had been mimeographed and had been placed at each plate. This report was a review of all of the council's activities, including the settling of the strike at the Ida B. Wells project, suppression of the "Birth of a Nation," work in regard to the school situation, the lobby in Springfield, the special session on relief, etc.

Knoxville, Tenn., Journal
April 18, 1940

$800 Given To Negro 'Y' Before Drive

Donations prior to official opening of a campaign for funds of the Charles W. Cansler Negro branch YMCA reached $800, it was announced yesterday at a luncheon at Mt. Zion Baptist Church by Fritz Cansler, general campaign manager.

Opening "kick off" in the general campaign will be tomorrow at 8 p. m. at Mt. Zion Church, Cansler said. An outstanding speaker will address the workers.

Campaign division managers are Cecil Thomas and Jessie Lynch.

Morgan Prexy Aga-American to Head Y Drive

DR. D. O. W. HOLMES
BALTIMORE

President Dwight O. W. Holmes of Morgan State College has been selected general chairman of the financial campaign of the Druid Hill Avenue YMCA which gets underway on Monday, April 29, and will continue until May 10.

R. B. DeFrantz, of the national YMCA, will come to Baltimore to act as campaign director. The goal of the campaign is $3,500 in cash, the Druid Hill Avenue Branch's obligation toward the $177,000 necessary if the YMCA is to become a part of the Community Fund.

Edward Wilson, registrar of Morgan State College, and the Rev. E. W. White, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, are the associate chairmen. George B. Murphy, Sr., is chairman of the special gifts committee. Division leaders are L. U. Gibson and John Woodhous.

"Y" Heads Get Help In Raising Of $41,000

By G. JAMES FLEMING
(Of the Tribune Staff)

BORDENTOWN, N. J.—A ringing challenge that Negroes free themselves by knowing the truth about themselves and "striking the first blow" for their ...m climaxed the 14th annual YMCA Laymen's Conference held here last weekend, at the Manual Training School, with about 130 delegates in attendance.

Previously there had been thought-provoking panel discussions on "The Status, Stake and Strategy of the Negro in the World Crisis" and "The Mission of the YMCA among Negro Youth," and these had both left their mark; the Co-ed chorus of the Carlton Avenue YMCA, Brooklyn N. Y., had sung its way into the hearts of the audience; patriarchal Dr. Channing H. Tobias had towered over everyone in his dignity and composure, and reports had been given that during the past two years, Negroes had raised $41,441.31 for the expansion fund of the colored work of the YMCA.

There was also overwhelming applause when it was announced that a Philadelphian, James H. Irvin, veteran undertaker and member of City Council, had given the largest single gift to the expansion drive, $5,000, and that Marian Anderson, Philadelphia's gift to the concert stage, had given $1,572.

Dr. Wesley Speaker

Then, Dr. Charles H. Wesley, dean of the graduate school of Howard University, began his Sunday morning "Freedom Through Truth" before delegates and friends of the conference and the members of the New Jersey Young People's Assembly

Surveying the world, he pointed out the number of spheres in which men are no longer free to seek the truth and where truth is not freeing men. He showed how the discovery of truth has progressed more on the material front, but much less on the cultural fronts.

Some of the chains enslaving mankind, he pointed out as intolerance, the continuance of the concept of war, and capital and labor organized for predatory purposes.

Turning to the Negro, he called upon the race to break those chains which particularly keep the group back.

(1) "Break the chain of the concept of racial inferiority," he declared, continuing:

"We must liberate ourselves from the textbooks, traditions and signposts which would have the world believe that we are inferior."

No Superior Race

Explaining how scientists have found that there is no pure race and none superior or inferior, he urged next that (2) "Negroes break the chains of the concept that America is a white man's country.

"We were here prior to 1607 when the English came to Jamestown, and we have helped to build the United States both as slaves and freemen. In the first census of the United States there were 59,000 Negroes," he reminded.

Next (3) "We must break the chains of the concept of charity, and we must speak out against those who would deny us jobs and opportunity and give us alms."

Dr. Wesley told the YMCA men gathered there are too many philanthropists who are willing to give large sums of money to Negro colleges, 'Y's' and churches, but who do everything possible to keep the race enslaved economically.

"Break Chains of Pessimism"

"Finally, (4) we must break the chains of pessimism and replace them with hope and belief," he said. He cautioned that he was not proposing any blind optimism, but rather asking that "we dare our abilities against the realities of life."

Dr. Wesley urged that Negroes unite with all liberal groups in the community to work for the greatest good for the greatest number; that we support all organizations which do not draw the color line; that we repossess and hold on to all the liberties that are lost in times of war, and that we establish a public consciousness opposed to propaganda."

At this morning service, resolutions were adopted to mark the passing of Dr. Jesse E. Moorland, former senior secretary of colored men's work, and Dr. R. R. Moton, who was chairman of the colored work committee of the National Council.

Sunday afternoon also was devoted to a brief program in tribute to J. H. McGrew, of Philadelphia, who was retired from the YMCA. He was given a purse, and several of his colleagues made short addresses. Mr. McGrew began "Y" work in 1911 as secretary of the Buxton, Iowa, branch. He was the first state and later, regional secretary, serving Virginia and the eleven southern states, respectively, 1916-28. He served in Atlanta, 1928-32, and in the latter years helped the work in Philadelphia, before taking up special campaign duties.

Praises His Wife

In accepting the purse, Mr. McGrew testified to the fine cooperation of his wife and said that he would not "have been able to do the little job I have done without her fine fellowship and encouragement."

W. R. Valentine, principal of the Manual and Training School, was re-elected president of the Laymen's Council, and H. W. Pope, secretary. Dr. Ira Reid, of Atlanta University, and Dr. Howard Long, of Washington, were directors of the panels.

Branches of the YMCA were represented from as far away as Birmingham and Atlanta, Indianapolis, Chicago, and Buffalo.

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NEGROES MAKE "Y" REPORTS

Many Activities Engaged in During Past Month; Varied Program Planned

The monthly meeting of the board of management of the Ninth Street Branch Y. M. C. A. was held here with Prof. F. R. Lampkin, chairman, presiding. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. J. S. Bryan, pastor of the St. John A. M. E. church, following which the roll was called by the secretary, E. G. Jenkins.

H. L. Toles. treasurer, made his report, followed by the report of the execptive secretary, D. D. Moody.

The executive secretary's report showed that the musical program held at the St. James A. M. E. church on November 17, sponsored by the Ninth Street "Y" and several of the leading churches of the city, and presenting George Matthews, noted colored tenor, was a rare musical treat.

It was also shown that through the Ninth Street "Y" 12 groups throughout this area are now being furnished with literature to study "Citizenship and Public Affairs", 113 men and boys played checkers last month, 27 men in distress were given free lodging during the month, the executive secretary gave 11 meals from his personal funds to hungry travelers, 75 men sat around the fire with the night man, these being travelers without funds, and the executive secretary talked with 26 people seeking advice.

Attention was called to the work done by the late Marie Sims, who several years ago went out among the friendly furniture stores of Columbus and solicited furniture which is now being used in more than 20 dormitory rooms in the building of the association. It was suggested that a picture of her be hung in the library room of the association.

Plans Are Made

Lieutenant Chaplain W. P. Addison of the 8th Infantry regiment, Fort Benning, held a conference with the executive secretary concerning recreational entertainments for the soldiers of Fort Benning, and the first entertainment has been arranged for Sunday, December 22, at which time Prof. Carl Joseph Haygood and his Community Singers will present a concert.

The report of Prof. John Martin, the worker among boys, showed that the following activities are now being carried on at the association: Basketball, volleyball, pyramid construction, indoor running, boxing, wrestling, singing, speaking and story telling.

The Young Men's club had four meetings with an attendance of 60; the Friendly Indians had four meetings wtih an attendance of 40; non-school groups had four meetings with an attendance of 40, and two school groups had four meetings with an attendance of 400, during the month.

The Young Men's club, in addition to other subjects, will study the "World Situation of Today" for the coming month.

To Play Basketball

The Basketball Area league will begin January 2, 1941. At present the following clubs are members of the league: The Y. M. C. A. Young Men's club, Pioneers, Friendly Indians, Tornadoes, Crusaders, Booker T. Washington Apartment, Mealer Hill, Spencer high school, Radcliff school, Fifth Avenue school, Phenix City high school, Girard school, Eufaula, Ala., school Union Springs high school, Opelika high school, LaGrange high school, Manchester high school, Talbotton high school, Cuthbert high school, Richland high school and Buena Vista high school.

A number of representative colored citizens, in addition to members of the board of management of the Ninth Street "Y", were also at the meeting Tuesday evening to participate in the arranging of a "Citizen and Soldiers Social Program" for this community, more details concerning which will be announced later.

Those present Tuesday night included: Dr. R. H. Cobb, J. L. Sconiers, Sr., Brigham Young, Prof. S. P. Charleston, Prof. B. F. Moseley, E. G. Jenkins, Dr. W. H. Spencer, Jr., Chaplain L. J. Beasley, Dr. J. L. Carwin, E. E. Farley, Mattie K. Washington, Prof. John Martin, Prof. F. R. Lampkin, W. J. Hines, Prof. G. F. Rivers, Dr. W. .. Ayers, Mabel L. Kimbrough, E. N. DeNeal, Rev. J. N. Brown, Rev. J. S. Bryan, A. T. Jackson, A. L. Cox, Henry L. Toles, C. W. Pressley, Prof. Carl J. Haygood, J. T. Hodo, Rev. P. L. Taylor, Prof. B. H. Price, Prof. B. T. Fowlkes, T. M. Sims and Executive Secretary D. D. Moody.

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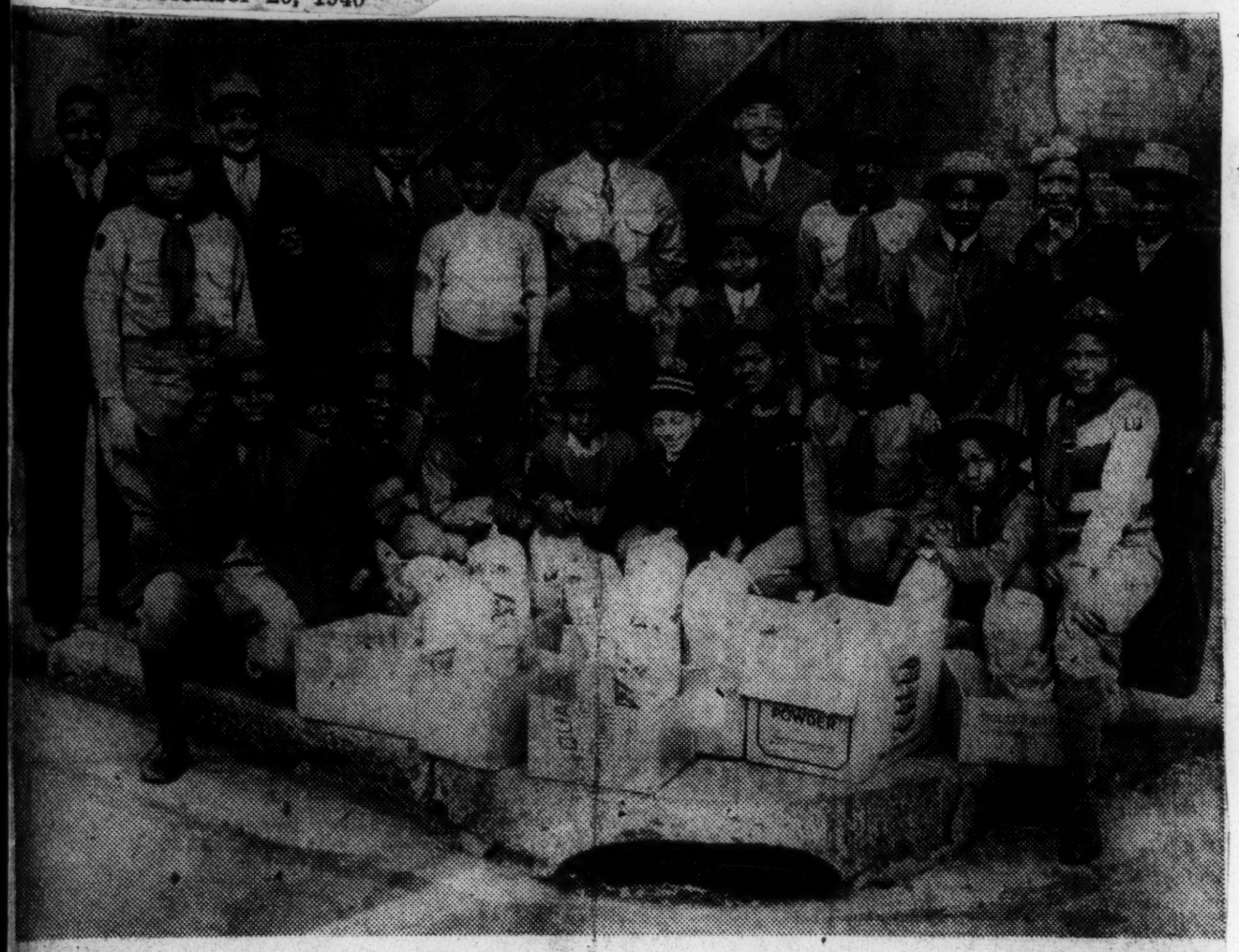

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NEGRO SCOUTS PLAY SANTA CLAUS—Gold Star Troop 87 of the Fifth Street Baptist Church, Harvey and Cary Streets, yesterday distributed 13 baskets, each containing food and a bag of coal, to needy neighbors. The committee arranging the distribution consisted of Andrew Wertz, the Rev. R. S. Anderson, Robert Lee Sr., Joseph Hopson and Scoutmaster William H. Johnson. This was the fourth annual Christmas ceremony of its kind held by the troop.

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WE WRITE AN OPEN LETTER TO B'KLYN-QUEENS YMCA

Board Of Managers,
Brooklyn-Queens YMCA,
Brooklyn, New York,

Gentlemen:

From what we have been able to glean through rumor and information from usually reliable sources, The New York Age understands that as of September 1, this year, the Carlton Avenue YMCA will lose two of its most loyal staff members.

We are told that on that date Carlton's Activities Secretary, Ellis B. Weatherless and Physical Director Richard J. Dangerfield are booked to go.

Reasons for these dismissals, it is rumored, cast no reflections on the character of these men and yet there are many Brooklynites who will regard the action as definitely unfair in that they, to some degree, indict the ability and achievement of two Y officials who have done much to further the work of Carlton.

It is said that the dismissals grew directly out of a survey which shows that of all the Y institutions in your jurisdiction, Carlton activities and support from the public stacks up lowest.

We can readily believe this to be true. We would be surprised—pleasantly—were it otherwise. For, frankly, of all the Y institutions in your jurisdiction Carlton YMCA has the least to offer.

It is probably the poorest-equipped and worst-situated of all the YMCA's in the City of New York

With half an eye it can be seen that the Negro population here in the past ten or fifteen years has swung uptown—far removed from the Carlton YMCA. In the midtown area we find a black belt which in the next five years threatens to outgrow the community of Harlem in density of Negro population. In the midtown area are located out thriving business, our schools and our homes. Two of the borough's largest churches, Concord Baptist, and Bridge Street AME, traditionally crosstown and downtown institutions, bowed to this trend and adjusted themselves to it by locating in the uptown sector.

A Young Men's Christian Association should be a center. And one of the ways in which it can be a center is clearly through central location. In these days when the Stuyvesant-Bedford section is so conveniently bounded by stations of the Independent Subway system, it is a matter of ease for those in search of Y activities to board the Eighth avenue subway and ride to Harlem where on 135th street they can find a YMCA which is truly well-equipped and modernly appointed.

Harlem supports its Y., Harlem has a Y well worth supporting—well worth being proud of. We refuse to believe Brooklynites would be less appreciative than their neighbors across the river.

We hold no brief for the people of this community who ignore the worthwhile appeal of Carlton. We feel they ought to hold up the hands of Executive Secretary Arthur L. Comither and his staff who are doing a splendid job in the face of terriffic odds. We feel that instead of grumbling about what the Y lacks, they ought to make it what they want it to be.

In spite of this, the record shows that interest is lackadaisical—that support is at a low ebb. We merely point out these things as very logical possible explanations.

What we are getting at is this:

If the dismissals of Weatherless and Dangerfield are dictated by a desire to increase Carlton activity and support from the public, the entire point is being missed. We firmly believe it will have the opposite effect.

Mr. Weatherless is one of the hardest-working and most conscientious persons we know. He has brought more than a little initiative and energy to his duties. We cite his outstanding achievements with the Y Chatter, the official publication.

We cite his inspiration in forming the Junior Hostesses of Carlton Y. Not only have the latter formed a patch in the ever-weaking link between the Carlton Y downtown and the vast Negro population uptown, but they have on several occasions raised money for Carlton through promotional schemes devised by Mr. Weatherless. Publicity at Carlton is now in the capable hands of William Jackson, but we can testify readily that in years gone by it was Weatherless and former Boys' Work Secretary Alexander Miller who actually cemented the friendly relations between Carlton and the Negro newspapers and their representatives.

Of Dangerfield, we know that he is immensely popular with the boys who come under his jurisdiction; that he has at all times done his utmost to further the Y program; that he has taken the scant facilities at his hand and done with them the best that could be expected.

We think that if the venerable Dr. Jesse E. Moorland were alive, his advice to the board would be:

"Consider the tools before you condemn the laborers".

True, there is less interest, and activity at Carlton than there should be at a Negro YMCA in this borough. There is less public support than there should be from the more than one hundred thousand Negroes here. Yet it is men like Arthur Comither, Ellis Weatherless, Alexander Miller and Richard Dangerfield who have maintained what little there is—

A. A. D.

Miami, Fla. Herald
June 9, 1940

Guests Hear Service Report That Shows Year's Progress

Young Women's Christian Association Takes Time To Point Out Progress During Dinner Observance

THE Y. W. C. A., just like any individual celebrating, made merry at its twenty-first birthday celebration this week in Miami Woman's club and took the opportunity to inform guests of its growing accomplishments.

During the past year two new features have increased interest in membership, the morning book and afternoon tea hour Wednesdays.

The 486 electors and 111 associates make a total of 597 adult members in the organization. Of the 1,399 Girl Reserves, 459 are junior members.

Employment was one of the Y's principal objectives during the year, with concentrated effort to place younger women in office positions. The department has discontinued placing domestics, nurses and companions. Older women were referred to the Florida State Employment Service and many were placed. Other objectives were to uphold proper standards of working hours, wages and to give guidance.

Offer "Brush Up"

The number of interviews totaled 5,237; positions listed, 2,022; placed in positions, 1,626. In emergency cases, individuals served totaled 56; referred to other social agencies, 52; number of meals given, 58; garments given, 49.

The "Brush-Up" school included classes for unemployed business girls in shorthand, typing, business English, spelling, business ethics. Various members later showed appreciation by responding to calls for volunteer workers in welfare agencies.

During the past year the residence has served 56 young employed women. Emphasis have been house council, mixed social affairs, health examinations. A residence girl was sent to the national convention, another is attending the business girls' summer conference. Number of residence girls during the year totaled 134; transient guests, 1,225; emergency cases, 120; those given free lodging or food, 185.

Work Is Extended

Achievements of the younger girls' department this year included extension to several new communities, studies in problems of teen-age girls, meetings for mothers of Girl Reserves. Miami Beach, Little River, Citrus Grove, Technical High and the Coconut Grove Negro High school are newly organized clubs.

In five senior high clubs, enrollment reached 572; in 10 junior high clubs, 704; in two negro clubs, 123. Total number of meetings was 591 with attendance of 19,305.

Total enrollment in Business Girls' club, Cosmo club, Y-Singers, Young Matrons' club and Household Employees was 308. Four hundred forty-two meetings were held with an attendance of 9,649.

Negro Work Started

New features in the summer program include health examinations, weekly book reviews for adults; weekly dance night for business girls, 10-day period of camp at Greynolds Park. Through co-operation of the Y. M. C. A., weekly girls' night for badminton, swimming is scheduled.

Newest development in the association is establishment of a Y. W. C. A. center for negro girls and women at 1604 N. W. Third avenue, which opened November 1, 1939, with an employed secretary. A total of 78 meetings drew an attendance of 1,223. Girl Reserves at Booker T. Washington school number 101 members; at Coconut Grove, 22.

Equal Pay Urged for Y Secretaries

Afro-American 9-20-40

Laymen Re-elect Valentine; Report $41,441 in Drive

By LEVI JOLLEY
Editor of the Philadelphia AFRO

BORDENTOWN, N.J. — A resolution urging the National Council of the YMCA to recommend the equalization of salaries of colored secretaries with those of whites and reports showing $41,441 had been paid towards the $125,000 expansion fund campaign were unanimously approved by delegates to the National Y Laymen's Conference at Bordentown Industrial School on Sunday.

This action, two panel discussions and a sermon by Dr. Charles Wesley, dean of the graduate school of Howard University, based on the present world crisis, were features of the two-day session. A resolution pledging allegiance to the United States and to uphold the principles of the YMCA was adopted by the 111 delegates from twenty-eight States.

Valentine Re-Elected

W. R. Valentine, principal of the Bordentown School and host to the conference, was lauded for his work and later re-elected president.

William Anderson of Baltimore, Dr. Howard Long and Thomas Dyett of New York were elected vice presidents; Henry W. Pope of New York was re-elected secretary, and E. B. Weatherless of Brooklyn, N.Y., was retained as registrar-treasurer.

J. H. McGrew Honored

A highlight of the closing day's activities was the presentation of a purse to James H. McGrew, secretary of the National YMCA Council, who was officially retired on Monday.

At the same testimonial, a silent meditation was offered for Major Robert R. Moten, president-emeritus of Tuskegee Institute and Jesse Moreland, active laymen, who died during the year.

Paid One-Third Less

The resolution requesting equalization of secretaries' salaries pointed out that colored branch supervisors received from 30 to 40 per cent less than white secretaries while both were required to have the same qualifications and to perform similar duties.

The action was taken less than twenty-four hours after a similar resolution was recommended by the secretaries in a personnel petition to the council.

Campaign Reports Made

A draft urging all branches and individuals to complete their pledges to the expansion campaign was adopted. The branch summary of the gifts to the expansion fund revealed that individuals and groups in twenty-one States had given $23,645 toward the goal for the colored units.

Through the Century Club, headed by Hubert T. Delany, tax commissioner of New York, and composed of all persons who gave or collected $100, more than $11,125 was received, records show. Pledges already made bring the total to $102,000.

Reid Conducts Panel

The laymen's conference opened Saturday afternoon with a panel discussion conducted by Dr. Ira DeA. Reid on "The Negro and the Present World Crisis — His Status, Stakes and Strategy." The participants were Jesse O. Thomas, Dr. Rayford Logan, Roy Wilkins, Dr. Max Yergan and Dr. Benjamin E. Mays.

During the discussion it was pointed out that the situation of the colored American was not due entirely to his color but lack of political unity. It was also pointed out that the colored citizen should develop unity with other racial groups of the same ecomonic level.

The growth of the trade union movement was cited as one measure of unity that proved beneficial to all participants regardless of race.

Dr. Tobias Speaks

The second panel which followed an outline of the work on the expansion campaign by Dr. Channing H. Tobias consisted of a discussion on the "The Y Program with Youth in the Present World Crisis."

Participants were Dr. Mays, Joseph Evans, Dorothy Height, Dr. Howard Long of Washington, D.C.; Warren Cochran of New York, Dr. Frank T. Wilson of Lincoln University, and Herbert Millen of Philadelphia.

The reports of the National Committee, poor educational opportunities and the need for building morale wereemphasized. The need for a sense of responsibility, guidance in realistic condition, development of spiritual values and the requirement for thinking and instructing youth to think beyond personal needs were touched upon.

Richmond, Va., Times-Dispatch
October 16, 1940

Negro Y. M. C. A. Workers Stress Importance of Reaching Goal

The first report meeting of the membership and financial campaign of the Colored Young Men's Christian Association was held yesterday at Armstrong High School and all team captains made initial reports of memberships and cash secured during the first day of the drive.

Chairman Gordon B. Hancock told the workers that it was necessary that the campaign reach its goal of 500 members and $2,500 in order that the association may complete its 1942 program of special work among the Negro youth of the city.

Ricks' Statement Used

A statement from Justice J. Hoge Ricks at a recent conference of local Y. M. C. A. workers was used as a basis for this special plea. Justice Ricks had pointed out the need for more facilities for Negro youth in an endeavor to reduce the alarming juvenile delinquency rate here.

The totals compiled from the eight teams reached the day's assignment of $400, it was announced by the campaign executive committee.

A second report meeting will be held at Armstrong High School at 6 P. M. tomorrow and other meetings will be held at the same hour on Friday and Monday at the school.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times
October 19, 1940

NEGRO SCOUT LEADERS HEAR TAYLOR ADDRESS

The second session of the seven-day scout leaders' training institute for colored was held yesterday at 4 p.m. at East Fifth Street school.

A. J. Taylor, national scout executive, here to conduct courses and lectures on "Elements of Scout Leadership," and "Specialization Courses in Troop Organization," was the principal speaker. Forty ministers, mothers of scouts and interested women workers attended.

Tonight at headquarters, 124½ East Ninth street, the patrol leaders' institute will be conducted, to be followed by a smoker in honor of Taylor, who is the only Negro representative on the national council of the Boy Scouts of America, and has been an organizer of Negro troops for more than eleven years.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times
October 17, 1940

NEGROES TO MEET IN SCOUT SCHOOL

Colored Workers Will Hold Leaders' Forum at Headquarters

A scout leaders training school for colored workers will open at 7:30 p.m. today with a forum at scout headquarters, 124½ East Ninth street.

Church boards, ministers, school principals and faculties have been urged by Field Executive J. L. Jenkins to send representatives to register for the course which will last through Oct. 26, with sessions at the headquarters and East Fifth Street school.

Tomorrow from 4 to 5:30 p.m., ministers and pastors and women workers are invited to meet at the school, and hear a message from A. J. Taylor, national scout executive attached to the New York headquarters.

Saturday patrol leaders will meet at 7 p.m. at the headquarters, and following a lecture, a smoker has been arranged by the committee.

Beginning Monday, courses for men will start which will entitle those attending and having satisfactory records, to certificates of merit. The courses offered are, the "Elements of Scout Leadership," and parts one and two in "Specialization in Troop Organization."

The volunteer leaders for this year are Alma Upshaw, Eva McCall, Hattie Harris, Manzelle McGhee, Malissa Lott, Liela Hiedt, Rosa Harris, Lillian Greenleaf, Ruth Roberts, Frances Wilkens, Rosa Davis, Lulene Williams, Lyzabeth Harrison, Rosa McGhee, Alma Dixon, Willa B. Gaston, Alma E. Brown. Girls work committees: Rosalind Wilson, Emma Jefferson, Clara Ivy, Hulda Brown, Zenobia Howse, Nina Morre, Alma Spence, Maude Duncan, Hattie Harris, Minnie Sledge, Etta Patterson, Wordia Cravens, Ollie MacCauley, Terree Cox, Hulda Brown, Earline Smith, Ida Burnette, Rosa Davis, Virginia Carney and Mildred Singleton.

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Charlotte N. C. Observer
December 31, 1939

WILL DEDICATE NEGRO Y. M. C. A.

J. Wilson Smith to Attend Ceremonies at Structure in Greensboro.

J. Wilson Smith, secretary of the interstate Y. M. C. A., will go to Greensboro today to attend the dedication of the first negro Y. M. C. A. building ever erected in North Carolina. The ceremonies will take place at 3:30 p. m.

Dr. W. C. Jackson, dean of the North Carolina State College for Women at Greensboro, will be the chief speaker.

The structure, donated by Caesar Cone, is of brick and will be fully equipped. It cost $60,000. There are several negro branches of the Y. M. C. A. in North Carolina, including Charlotte and Asheville, Mr. Smith said, but all are housed in leased buildings.

Another dedication will take place within the 30-day period, Mr. Smith added. It will be the new $200,000 Kannapolis Y. M. C. A. January 28. C. A. Cannon, president of the Cannon mills, will preside.

The new plant does not have a dormitory, as these needs are provided for in another building. It will have two full gymnasiums, and a new feature will be separate facilities for women and girls. It will accommodate about 10,000 members.

Knoxville, Tenn. News Sentinel
March 24, 1940

PLAN $1500 DRIVE FOR COLORED YMCA

C. W. Cansler's Brother Will Come To Lead Campaign.

A campaign for the recently organized C. W. Cansler Branch of the YMCA, will be launched about April 15, with a goal set at $1500, according to tentative plans.

The branch YMCA for Negroes is named for C. W. Cansler, former school principal. His brother Fritz Cansler, of Dallas, Tex., will come here to be chairman of the campaign. The brother is executive secretary of a Dallas YMCA. The present headquarters for the branch Y is at 313 1-2 Patton Street.

Chattanooga, Tenn. Daily Times
March 29, 1940

40 COLORED BOYS TO ATTEND RALLY

City, County School Pupils Leave Today—Daves Will Give Conference Theme

Forty colored boys of the city and county schools, and eight Hi-Y advisors will leave this morning in a motorcade to attend sessions of the thirteenth East Tennessee Hi-Y conference at Cook High school, Athens.

Under the leadership of John L. Pitts, Jr., secretary of the James A. Henry branch, Y. M. C. A., the group has been chosen from Hi-Y clubs in the schools that "have been active for the past year."

The theme of he conference today will be, "I'll Take the High Road." It will be presented by Prof. J. Herman Daves, former Knoxville college instructor and now personnel director for TVA colored workers, with offices in Knoxville. Prof. Daves will dwell upon the topic, "Basic Choices in Taking the High Road."

Discussion groups will consider "Making Choices in Leisure Time Activities;" led by Prof. A. H. Myers Tennessee Wesleyan college; "Choosing for Better Health," by J. L. Pitts; "Basic Choices for Earning a Living," also led by Prof. Daves; "Choices in Friendships—Boy and Girl Relationships," led by Prof. C. Nash, of Cook High, and "Hi-Y Clubs in School and Community," by Frank B. Vincent.

Carlton L. Lee, area supervisor of colored work in the southern division, and B. B. Evans will be the Hi-Y dinner speakers at the close of the conference, on the subjects, "I'll Take the High Road" and "Christian Choices on the High Road," respectively.

There will be other activities of games and demonstrations by the boys who attend the conference during recesses. Pitts asserted.

Savannah, Ga., News
March 21, 1940

Colored Youths to Meet In Atlanta

A state-wide colored Youth Conference which is to be held in Atlanta Friday and Saturday will bring together approximately 5,000 Georgia youths representing eleven organizations operating in high schools and colleges. William H. Shell, Georgia NYA assistant on negro affairs, is general chairman of the confab.

The conference is sponsored by the National Youth Administration and will have in attendance representatives of the following organizations: Allen Life Guards, Boys' Club and Order League of America, 4-H Clubs, Girls' Reserves, Hi-Y's NYA students both in and out of school, New Farmers of America Association, School Safety Patrol Student Council and Tri Hi-Y Clubs.

The theme of the two-day conference is "Problems of the Negro Youth in Georgia." Education, employment, health and recreation are four phases that will be studied during the sessions which will be held at Booker T. Washington High School and at the Friendship Baptist Church of Atlanta.

Dr. Horace Mann Bond, president of the Fort Valley State College, will deliver the principal address of the meeting Friday evening. Professor A. J. Curtwright, dean of instruction at Georgia State College, will be a speaker Saturday.

A large delegation will represent the local schools. Principal O. H. Lee McIver of the Haven Home School will be in attendance as will Miriam Godfrey, Romeo Finch and Professor John McGlockston.

Memphis, Tenn., Commercial Appeal
March 23, 1940

CAMPAIGN HEAD NAMED

M. W. Bonner To Direct Fund Drive For Negro Branch of "Y"

M. W. Bonner of 719 Walker, secretary of the Universal Life Insurance Co., has been named general director of the annual fund-raising campaign of the Mississippi Boulevard Negro Branch of the Y. M. C. A., Eugene E. Thomas, branch secretary, said yesterday.

The goal of the campaign this year will be $2350, an increase of $700, which is the amount of the deficit incurred last year. Division leaders are R. L. Prince, B. T. Hunt and Dr. W. S. Martin.

A community center, the "Y" Branch is used daily by groups representing various interests of the city.

Newport News, Va. Press
April 2, 1940

ORGANIZING YOUTH GROUP FOR NEGROES

Christian Association to Have Three Peninsula Chapters; to Fight Delinquency

A Youth's Christian association for Negroes of Hampton, Phoebus and Newport News has been organized, according to an announcement yesterday by Lucian M. Richmond III, director.

Richmond said the organization was started to "stimulate youths' interest in giving more efficient service to the church and community and to combat juvenile delinquency now parading the environment of our American youth owing to the vast economic changes now existing among the people."

Those who helped organize the group are: Richmond, Rev. J. Metz Rollins, executive sponsor; Rev. S. A. Devan, Hampton institute, John Kerr assistant director of the Fort Monroe Y. M. C. A., A. H. Lichty and James Ingram of the State executive committee of the Y. M. C. A., all as advisers.

To advance the organization, three chapters are being formed in the three areas with co-chairmen in charge. They will be assisted by adults who are authorized to carry out the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. work among the youths.

Assistance from the churches will be sought to complete chapter memberships after which there will be chapter elections.

Those who have been named to care for the association's policies are: Mrs. Joseph Gilliard, Ruth Chappell and Lennie Smith, associate directors; William Tyson, assistant to the director; Robert C. Long and Thomas Gardner, tri-district supervisors; Frissell Jones, student adviser for the districts; Gladys Massenburg, general secretary of the tri-district commission; Ethelwyn Pree and Alfonso Alexander, co-chairmen for Newport News; Mary Johnson and Donnally Francis, co-chairmen for Hampton and William Tyson and Luvinia Brown, co-chairmen for Phoebus.

Also helping with the association, Richmond said, are L. F. Palmer, principal of Huntington high school in Newport News, Ian H. Ross, principal of George P. Phenix training school, Hampton, Rev. A. A. Galvin, pastor of the First Baptist church in Newport News and Major Walter R. Brown, dean of men at Hampton institute.

Knoxville, Tenn., Journal
May 11, 1940

Thanks Contributors In Negro 'Y' Drive

Editor, The Knoxville Journal:

As general manager of the membership and financial campaign drive for our Charles W. Cansler branch YMCA, I thank the many friends who took out memberships and made contributions. Our goal was $1500 and 400 memberships, but we went over it by approximately $500 and 150 memberships.

Our branch is about one year old, and was organized by a group of young colored men who felt that Knoxville Negroes had long been too far behind other cities of the country in having an institution like the YMCA for developing a high standard of Christian character for our boys and young men.

All classes of our race in this city worked enthusiastically in this drive and made such contributions to the cause as they were able. Our white friends likewise helped us, and to them is due much of the success we made. We hope to repay all who helped by maintaining an institution that will contribute to the well being of our community.

Each and every contributor in time will receive personally a letter of thanks, with membership cards for paid memberships, and our white friends will likewise receive membership cards for their Negro employes, or for deserving Negro men and boys who are unable to take out memberships.

We are urging all of our colored people who can to make subscriptions to the Community Chest, which is doing so much for the welfare agencies of the city. Although our organization is not yet in the Chest, we are hoping in the development of a worthwhile program to recommend ourselves to its consideration in the near future.

Come and visit our rooms at 313 1-2 Patton Street, and see what we are trying to do for the Negro men and boys of Knoxville.

J. H. PRESNELL, M. D.
Chairman of the Campaign Committee.

Knoxville, Tenn., Journal
April 28, 1940

Negroes Seek Trained 'Y' Worker Now, Building Later

Need For YMCA In Knoxville Is Shown; 75 Young Negroes Raising Money In Campaign

Is there a need for a Negro YMCA in Knoxville?

White persons who come in contact with Negro juvenile delinquents are almost as enthusiastic about getting a Negro branch of the YMCA here as are the 75 young Negroes who now are attempting to raise funds for the "Charles W. Cansler Branch."

Many of them have seen City Court scenes such as this of several weeks ago recorded by a Knoxville Journal reporter:

Three Negro youths were held for the Grand Jury in City Court yesterday, charged with stealing tool boxes from trucks parked back of Gay Street furniture stores.

"'I didn't have enough money to go to a show and didn't have anything else to do,' testified one of them. 'So I went in a poolroom. I saw ——— there, and he said he had found a way to make some easy money. He told ——— the same thing. We got caught. Here we are.'"

Convinced that those 17-year-olds and hundreds like them wouldn't be in a penitentiary today, if they had had some respectable place to go without spending money, prominent Negro citizens last week launched the movement to bring a trained Negro YMCA worker here.

They decided to name the branch after Charles W. Cansler, retired teacher, who constantly has urged bringing the YMCA here and who did bring the Carnegie Library on West Vine Street.

To help his brother and because he, too, was reared in Knoxville and knows the limited opportunities for recreation of Negro youth, Fritz Cansler, executive secretary of the Dallas, Tex., Negro YMCA came to Knoxville to organize the drive. He gave up his vacation to come, and is not receiving any pay for his help.

"We all hope to have a modern building here some day with a swimming pool and all sorts of recreational facilities," Cansler said last night. "We hope to give Knoxville what no city in Tennessee, even Memphis has, a building on the order of that in Dallas, Atlanta, Baltimore and other cities.

"Of course," he went on, "we cannot expect anything of that sort for years. But we can build for it with a trained YMCA worker, who can organize camps and games on the existing facilities and who can work with the schools."

Cansler said an attempt was made here many years ago to found such a YMCA after a man gave a building for that purpose.

"But there were no trained men for the work at that time," he explained, "and that is why it failed. A man is more important than a building."

Cansler said the YMCA man, besides his other work, would have an employment agency for recommended young Negro men and would keep a list of inspected rooms.

"You know," he said, "that there is not a satisfactory hotel for Negroes in Knoxville. Such a list of rooms is a necessity."

Headquarters for the drive for the $1500 that is to tide the Branch over its fist year is at 313 Patton Street, where "Y" headquarters will be.

Cansler said the workers have applied for Community Chest support of the project.

The 75, however, many of them porters and gardeners, have pledged half of the needed funds themselves.

Knoxville, Tenn. News Sentinel
April 28, 1940

Negro YMCA Gets Generous Response; 'Victory Dinner' Wednesday To Celebrate Branch Establishment

Drive for

IN the nation there are 62 Negro YMCA's. In the Southeast there are 15. After Wednesday night, it is hoped, there will be 16 in the Southeast.

A "Victory Dinner" is planned Wednesday night to celebrate the establishment of the Charles W. Cansler Negro Branch YMCA in Knoxville.

A year ago a group of 20 young Negro men got together a "committee of management" to start a movement for a Negro YMCA here. With the co-operation of Ralph Hudson and the Central YMCA, Fritz Cansler, a Knoxville College graduate, who is now secretary of the Dallas Negro Y, was called home to direct the membership campaign.

It was decided to name the new Y for Fritz Cansler's brother, Charles W. Cansler, formerly principal of Austin High School, Green School and Beardsley Junior High, who retired last year after 40 years' service in Negro schools.

Dr. J. H. Presnell was named general chairman of the campaign, A. R. Wheeler was named associate chairman, and Charles Cansler was named honorary general chairman. The campaign got underway April 19 with 60 workers.

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Goal Is 400 Members

THE goal of the campaign is 400 members and $1500. When these objects are obtained, a "non-equipment YMCA" will be established here for the betterment of Knoxville's 18 to 20,000 Negroes.

The money will be used to hire an experienced man as director, to employ a secretary, and to maintain an office at 313 1-2 Patton Street. An employment bureau and a "housing" bureau will be established in connection with the branch Y.

According to Fritz Cansler, Negro maids, cooks, chauffeurs, etc., whose records and dependability have been investigated will be obtainable by applying to the Negro Y.

The "housing" bureau, Mr. Cansler said, would provide accommodations for Negro tourists passing through Knoxville who have difficulty finding lodging.

According to Mr. Cansler, there is little hope of obtaining funds for Negro YMCA buildings in the near future and most new Negro branches have been planned as "non-equipment" organizations.

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Organized Recreation

THIS type YMCA organizes and supervises recreation in co-operation with the schools. It is planned to organize Hi-Y groups here, and to foster playground recreation and other activities such as a night basketball league.

The Negro leaders hope that the athletic equipment of Negro schools and Knoxville College will be available. Fritz Cansler says he believes juvenile delinquency among Negro youths would be greatly decreased if the boys had some sport like a night basketball league to take up their time and keep them out of mischief.

All policies and plans would be submitted to Ralph Hudson, at the Central YMCA, including a monthly report. Mr. Hudson has asked that provisions for the new branch be included in the YMCA budget on the Community Chest list.

The response to the Negro Y drive here has been immediate and generous. The first five days netted a total of $1169 in cash and a membership total of 192. Fritz Cansler said last night that he was optimistic about the warm response to the drive and he hoped the final figures Wednesday night would exceed the goal set.

The Victory Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p. m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church. Workers were busily driving toward their goal over the week-end, with Dr. J. W. Graves leading the individual workers by turning in a total of $55.25 to his team.

Plan Moorland Memorial Here

Church And Mission Fed. Chooses Deceased YMCA Executive For Honor

Fitting tribute will be paid to the memory and works of the recently deceased Dr. Jesse Edward Moorland, for many years Senior Secretary of the National Council of the Young Men's Christian Association in charge of work for colored men and boys, when The Commission for International Justice and Goodwill holds its Memorial Day services in Moorland's honor at the Carlton Avenue YMCA, 405 Carlton avenue, May 30, at 10.30 a. m.

A subsidiary of the Brooklyn Church and Mission Federation, the Commission annually memorializes an outstanding person who has made a definite contribution to the religious and social service of the community.

Speakers for the service will include representatives of Brooklyn organizations with which Dr. Moorland was intimately affiliated. During the period of 1925 to 1940 Dr. Moorland had made his residence in Brooklyn where he was active in many community activities. For fifteen years he was chairman of the Board of Managers of the Carlton YMCA; served for many years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn and Queens YMCA and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Nazarene Congregational Church.

Speakers will include Abner Surpless, former New York City Councilman and member of the Brooklyn and Queens YMCA Board of Directors; Attorney Stanley M. Douglas, member of the Carlton Avenue YMCA Board of Managers; the Rev. J. Oscar Lee, pastor of the Nazarene Congregational Church and the Rev. J. Henry Carpenter, Director of the Brooklyn Church and Mission Federation.

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St. Petersburg, Fla. Independent
November 7, 1940

Negro Scouts Plan Week-End Camp

The Boy Scouts (negro) of Pinellas county district will camp on the grounds of Jordan Elementary school tomorrow and Saturday. This camporee will be a program of overnight camping on a patrol basis in which the Scouts will demonstrate their ability to camp and to take care of themselves in the out-of-doors. Visitors will have an opportunity to see the Scout program in action.

The drive for funds to equip the playground donated to the negro community last spring by Dr. C. E. Lauffer will close tonight with a musical extravaganza at the Bethel Metropolitan Baptist church beginning promptly at 8 o'clock.

A chorus composed of numbers of the various clubs of the federation will furnish music for the occasion. The federation is trying to raise a total of $500 which will be matched by the donor, Dr. Lauffer. Of this amount $117.83 is already in the treasury. All clubs in the city have been contacted and will be represented tonight to make a contribution or pledge.

The trustees of the park are F. A. Ponder, A. B. Thompson, Verna Robinson, E. E. Perkins and Hazel Smith.

Two new white troops were reported to be in the process of formation, one at South Pittsburg and the other at LaFayette, and three Negro troops are being formed and should be ready for recognition by the first of the year. The Negro troops will be at the College Hill Housing project, Bonny Oaks and Warren's chapel.

Commissioner Cliff W. Bowers and Amster K. Howard, the new assistant scout executive, were praised as being largely responsible for the membership boost here, which places the total number of scouts in the Chattanooga district at an all-time high. The council also voted to assist in sponsoring a recreational training school to be opened next week under the auspices of the National Recreational association. President James L. Fowle presided at the meeting.

Chattanooga, Tenn. Daily Times
November 22, 1940

BOY SCOUT COUNCIL LEADS IN INCREASE

Chattanooga Body Sets Pace for South in Growth in Membership

The Chattanooga Boy Scout council leads the entire south in its membership increase according to a report made by Charles Peacock, Chattanooga scout executive, at the monthly meeting of the council in the Hotel Patten, Wednesday. The scouts here were reported to have increased their membership by 193 youths during the past year.

According to the figures given, the membership on Jan. 1, 1939, was 1,335 scouts and thirty-seven cubs and at present it has been raised to 1,545 scouts and 100 cubs, showing a gain of 14.2 per cent. for the year.

Spartanburg, S. C. Herald
November 12, 1940

Regional Executive to Be Speaker Thursday Night at District Boy Scout Rally

First Annual Meeting Set for 7 p.m. by Spartanburg District Group

W. A. Dobson of Atlanta, regional Boy Scout executive, will be the principal speaker at the first annual banquet of the Spartanburg district, Boy Scouts of America, Thursday night at 7 o'clock at the First Baptist church, it was announced yesterday by Dr. E. Gibson Davis, district chairman.

In announcing the banquet, Dr. Davis pointed out that heretofore the Spartanburg district has always joined with the Palmetto council in its annual meeting. It has been decided, he said, that in the future, the district will have its own annual meeting.

Reports to Be Heard

Reports for the past year will be heard and objectives for the coming year discussed at the meeting. Members of the new district committee also will be introduced. Wives and guests of Scouters have been included in invitations to the banquet, and a large attendance is expected.

Mr. Dobson, who is executive for has nine Troops and nearly 175 and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, comprising Region Six of he Boy Scouts of America, will remain in the city over Friday to address a father-son-banquet at he First Presbyterian church at 7 p.m.

Before becoming regional executive on February 10, 1936, Mr. Dobson was Scout executive of the Atlanta Council for eight years. Under his administration the Atlanta Council grew from 67 troops with 1,567 Scouts to 148 Troops with 3,004 Scouts. During this period Scouting for negro boys was organized in this council, which now has none Troops and nearly 175 negro Scouts. Under Mr. Dobson's leadership, Cubbing, the pre-Scout age program for boys, 9, 10 and 11 was organized and the program is now well under way. Sea Scouting, Explorer Scouting and other Senior Scout activities for boys 15 years of age and upward were also introduced in Atlanta during Mr. Dobson's tenure.

Mr. Dobson served as the first camp director of Camp Bert Adams, the Atlanta Scout Camp, when it first opened in 1927. The annual Boy Scout circus, a great spectacle of boys demonstrating Scout handicraft activities, games and contests which gives an incentive to boys to become proficient in all phases of Scoutcraft, has become a part of the Atlanta Council's yearly program.

To Speak Here

W. A. DOBSON

Native of Georgia

Mr. Dobson was born on a farm west of Dalton, Ga. He worked his way through the Berry schools at Rome, Ga., where he graduated as valedictorian of his class in 1916. The following year he taught at the Les-McCrae institute, a Presbyterian mission school at Plumtree, N. C., in the mountains of western North Carolina. Mr. Dobson enlisted in the United States Navy where he served from 1917 to 1921. Following his navy experience he taught at the Lindale, Ga., high school and in that community he became a scoutmaster.

Mr. Dobson graduated from the National Training School for Scout executives in 1922 and became the Scout executive at Rome, Ga., In 1923 he became Scout executive at LrGrange, Ga. Late in 1923 he organized the Chattahoochee council with headquarters at West Point, Ga., and was the Scout executive there from 1923 to 1926.

Mr. Dobson became assistant Scout executive at Atlanta in May, 1926, and in 1928 was promoted to Scout executive in the same council.

He is married and lives with his wife, daughter and son in Atlanta.

Active in Civic Affairs

As a citizen of Atlanta, Mr. Dobson has distinguished himself as an active citizen. He gives leadership in the Atlanta Rotary club, the Ministerial association, the American Legion, the Atlanta Community chest, the Social Welfare council, the Better Films committee, the Social Workers club and Berry School club, the Methodist church and the Ansley Park Golf club.

He has served as president of the Social Workers' club of Atlanta and was a faculty member of the Christian Culture institute which gives leadership training courses to the young people of the Methodist churches of Atlanta.

Thus, in assuming the Regional executiveship of Region Six in February, 1936, Mr. Dobson brought to his new duties a background of successful volunteer and professional Scout experience.

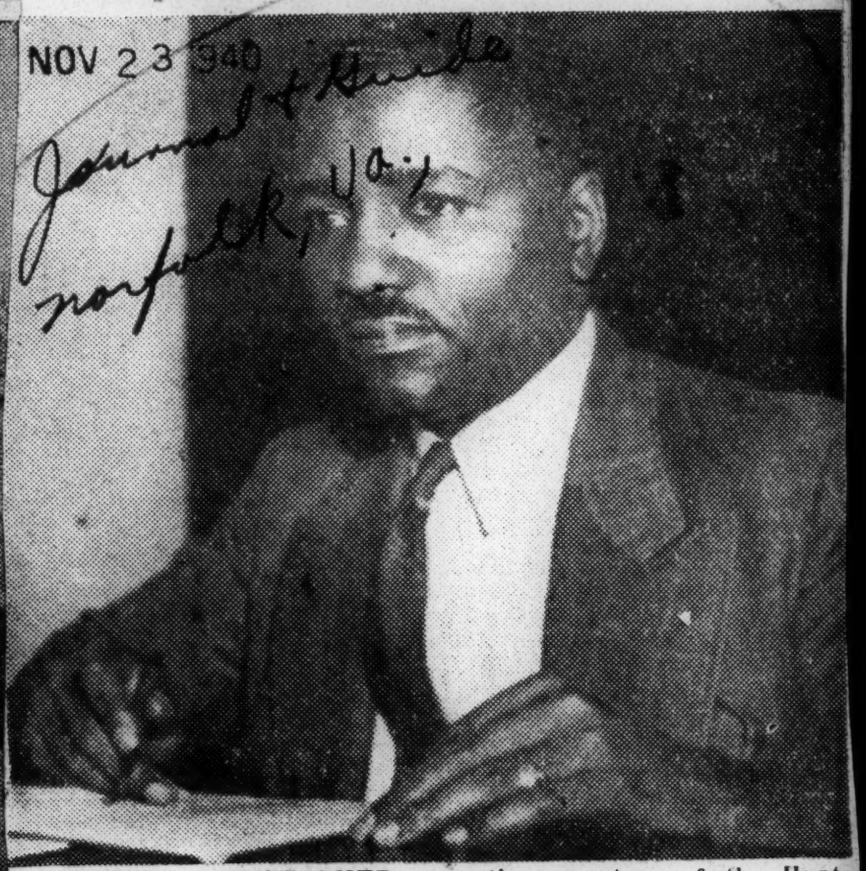
CUB SCOUTS OF ATLANTA LEARNING MEANING OF CITIZENSHIP

Courier
Pittsburg, Pa.
NOV 23 940

These Cub Scouts of Atlanta, Ga., are learning the meaning of citizenship through adult guidance. Known as Cub Pack No: 18, they are located at the Friendship Baptist church in Atlanta, with O. L. Woodson acting as the Cub Master.

Directs Oldest Colored "Y"

NOV 23 940
Journal + Guide
Norfolk, Va.



HORACE CHRISTOPHER, executive secretary of the Hunton Branch YMCA of Norfolk, first YMCA for Negroes in the country

Columbia, S. C. Wash
December 1, 1940

Negro Schools Will Sponsor Scout Troops

Representatives of five Negro schools that will sponsor Boy Scout troops met yesterday morning at Waverly school to register troops in the schools.

Registration was in charge of A. J. Taylor of national Scout headquarters. Committeemen and information on troop applicants were registered with him.

Schools sponsoring troops, the scoutmasters adn committeemen, are:

Howard school, L. A. Shelton, scoutmaster; C. F. Bolden, assistant scoutmaster, Dr. D. K. Jenkins, H. N. Vincent, Jr., J. H. Goodwin, F. K. Butler and C. W. Madden.

Saxon school, C. A. Pogue, scoutmaster; W. J. Gilliam, assistant scoutmaster; B. R. Harrison, T. H. Handberry, J. A. Simmons and C. A. Johnson.

Booker-Washington Heights, J. J. Powell, scoutmaster; the Rev. J. W. Beschum, the Rev. H. W. Harrison and W. H. Burton.

Carter school, R. A. Denson, scoutmaster; A. W. Young, assistant scoutmaster; C. Roberts, assistant scoutmaster; R. W. Mance, J. M. Hinton, J. E. Dickson and E. E. Rogers.

Waverly school, L. F. Scott, scoutmaster; E. F. Sweat, assistant scoutmaster; J. Kershaw, Dr. B. E. Everett, Henry Williams, C. H. Crawford and J. F. Potts.

Y.M.C.A.
(BOYS' MEETINGS)

Wilmington "Y"

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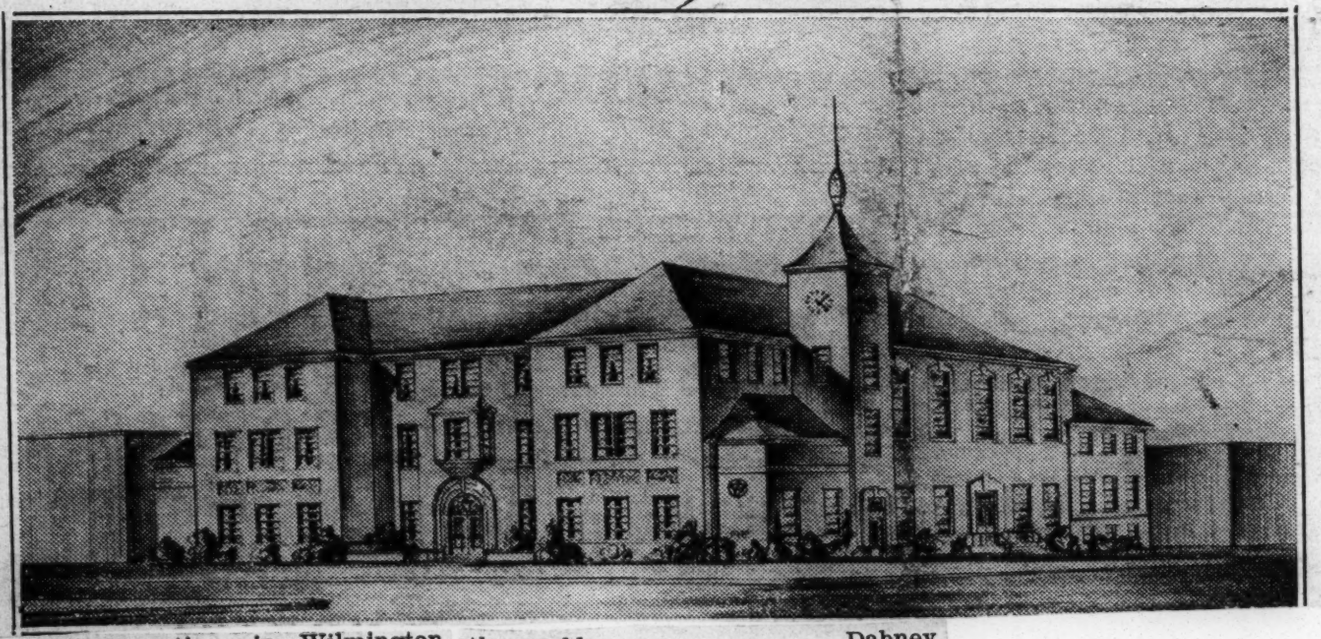
B. W. Overton, Executive Secretary



The inauguration, in Wilmington, Delaware, Friday night, of its new Walnut Street Christian Association Building, will be the grandest event in the history of that city. This structure of steel, concrete and stone, 116 a 151 feet, ultra modern in every detail, forms an ideal and most imposing home for Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. activities. The many years the organization existed prior to this period of perfection, is a notable tribute to the 14,000 colored population of Wilmington!

To the extreme and most laudable generosity of Hon. and Mrs. Fletcher H. Brown our people are indebted for this superb building, a masterpiece of architectural beauty and utility.

To the efforts of Secretary B. W. Overton, formerly of the Cincinnati "Y" and the sincere cooperation of the various Boards and committees, may be attributed the glorious honor, shared alike by members and citizens, of having one of the finest "Y's" in the world.

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Tampa, Fla Tribune
September 27, 1940

Negro Boy Scout Leaders Hear Discussion of Work

Boy Scout work among the 11 negro troops in the Gulf-Ridge council was discussed at a meeting of leaders conducted by Scout Executive Ralph Mozo.

Best methods of achieving scouting aims were outlined by Mozo and three other leaders in the work, M. J. Mackler, the Rev. A. J. Flanagan and Herbert W. Taylor.

Negro leaders who participated were E. E. Broughton, leader, and J. E. Williams, Garfield Chambers, Dr. R. R. Williams, L. D. Bennett, Nathaniel Brown and Ed Everett, of troop No. 2; Arthur Jackson, leader, and N. E. Jackson, A. J. Graham, W. W. Nelson, J. Lane, Ingram Jordan, Clarence Hamilton and G. W. Collins, of troop No. 3; C. E. Boyer, leader, and W. C.

$20,000 Given To Speed YMCA's Rehabilitation

Twenty thousand dollars was appropriated by the board of directors of the Philadelphia YMCA last Thursday, to continue the work of modernizing the building of the Christian Street Branch "Y."

Meeting at the exclusive Midday Club in the Fidelity-Philadelphia Building, the board, of which John P. Turner is the only Negro member, reviewed the part Negroes had played in supporting the YMCA work in their community.

TURNER EXPLAINS

"In spite of the many pressing problems which face the 'Y' Board at this time, it was the united feeling of the members of this group that its primary concern at this time should be the work among the colored young men and women of Philadelphia," Dr. Turner declares.

With the outside work on the Christian Street building almost completed, the contractors began demolishing the interior last Monday. A brand new maple gymnasium floor will be the first job to be completed, followed by a complete resetting of the first floor.

ADEQUATE ROOMS

Adequate club room facilities on the second floor will then be made available with the complete refurnishing of the 56 dormitory rooms and wash rooms to follow.

Lester C. Haworth, general secretary and Charles S. Walton, president of the Board of Directors were especially loud in their praise of the fine piece of work which was done by the Christian Street branch campaigners in the 1939 endeavor.

DR. JOHN P. TURNER

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times
September 4, 1940

NEGRO SCOUT LEADER TO HEAD JUNIOR HIGH

Prof. J. L. Jenkins, principal of West Main Street school, yesterday was named to succeed the late Prof. Lee W. Henderson, who died a fortnight ago, as principal of East Fifth Street Junior High school, the largest public school for Negroes in the city.

Prof. Jenkins, who is a graduate of Hampton Institute (Va.), formerly served at the East Fifth Street school under Principal Henderson as manual training instructor.

As commissioner of the local Negro Boy Scout area since its organization, Jenkins has developed the troops under his control to the point that, with the possible exception of Memphis, Chattanooga's colored Boy Scouts are the best-equipped in the state.

Jenkins has long been considered one of Chattanooga's outstanding Negro community leaders.

A course in household vocations will be instituted at Second District Junior High school this year, with L. George Chester, Tuskegee institute graduate, as instructor.

Chester is here from Tulsa, Okla. He has taught at Lenapah in that same state, and at Columbus, Ga.

Columbus, Ga Ledger
August 28, 1940

Negro Youth Day Thursday

Dedication of the Booker T. Washington playground will take place Thursday morning, with a parade and pageant to begin at 9:30 o'clock and flag-raising exercises with prominent speakers at 11:15 o'clock.

"Youth Day" for the negro children of Columbus and Phenix City will take place in conjunction. Ball games will be held at Golden Park at 2:30 o'clock, with two championship contests to be played.

Atlanta, Ga Journal
September 5, 1940

Negro Club Worker

The Phillis Wheatley branch of the Y. W. C. A., which sponsors recreational activities for Negroes, announced Thursday the arrival this week of Irene May Harris, who will supervise clubs for business and industrial girls, assist with recreational and educational activities of over 1,000 Girl Reserves and correlate work of a staff of volunteer leaders who serve over 5,000 girls and women in Atlanta.

St. Petersburg, Fla. Independent
August 24, 1940

Y.W.C.A. Provides 'Home' Camp Here For Negro Girls

The Y. W. C. A. "Stay-at-Home" camp for girls (negro), 14 to 18 years of age opened last Monday for a two weeks' session at the Jordan Park Community hall. The camp got off to a good start with a registration on the opening day of 60 girls. During the week more girls were registered.

This camp is being conducted by Miss Raola Namendorf, an experienced and enthusiastic "Y" worker and secretary of the Girl Reserves of the Y. W. C. A. Each year this school and camp is given to the negro girls of the city by the Y. W. C. A. where they receive instruction in sewing, dancing, handicraft, cooking, etiquette, games and writing for the camp paper. Various teachers from the three negro schools of the city plus other teachers have charge of instructing the girls in the different arts. The camp runs for two weeks and will close Aug. 30. The public is invited to attend the camp and see the work being done.

Thirty-four boys, Sons of Veterans of Post No. 9, (negro), left the city Tuesday night for the veterans' convention in Palatka. The group was accompanied by the veterans of the post. The local Sons of Veterans won first prize as having the best drum major in the state. This group will take part in the district state convention in Tampa, Nov. 11. Captain Charlie Tutson will be in charge of the boys as he was in the state convention. The next state convention will be held in Tallahassee, next year.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Times
September 11, 1940

Pan-Hellenic Association Plans First Luncheon of the Fall At Yacht Club Saturday Noon

All stray Greeks . . . are paged for the first fall meeting of Pan-Hellenic association at the Yacht club Saturday. The luncheon at 12:30 o'clock will be the first in a series to be held on the second Saturday of each month. Mrs. A. H. Dauble will be in charge of the get-together, which is open to all members of national Pan-Hellenic sororities . . . No program is planned, but members are hoping President Dorothy Stovall will be back in time to tell of her vacation in Panama.

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Record enrollment of 120 girls and achievements of the Stay-at-Home camp conducted by the YWCA for negro girls during the month of August . . . these were discussed in the report made by Raola Namendorf, Girl Reserve secretary, at the YWCA board meeting at the Y yesterday morning. She paid tribute to Emil Norstrom and his staff who made possible use of the community hall at Jordan Park as camp headquarters . . . Recently returned from a northern vacation, Mrs. Frederick Cameron presided for the first time since her election last spring. Mrs. Alexander Willson, recording secretary, also made her first after-vacation appearance. "Success from Failure" was subject of Mrs. Lincoln Bogue's devotion talk.

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Spaghetti can be served at no better place than in wide open spaces, say HB club members, and so they chose that as their main dish when they met for luncheon at the Lions Beach club yesterday. Swimming, cards, knitting and sewing contributed to a full day.

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Mrs. Harper Woolley was elected chairman of RTS circle of the First Baptist church at a meeting at the home of Mrs. Janette Grayson Monday evening. With other new officers, she's to be installed at a banquet at Mrs. W. L. Barnes' home on Oct. 7. Other officers include Mrs. Oliver William Hewitt, co-chairman; Mrs. Grayson, secretary; Mrs. B. H. Willis, treasurer; Mrs. Kenneth Bainbridge, program chairman; Mrs. J. C. Cheatham, personal service; Mrs. Barnes, social; Mrs. Ed Huddleston, missionary study; Mrs. Harry Robbins, training school; Mrs. Beulah Willey, Margaret fund; and Mrs. Charles Duato, reporter. Moving pictures of missionary work in China were shown by Mrs. Woolley and Mrs. H. E. Robbins was welcomed as a new member.

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At the last minute . . . L. M. Tate auxiliary decided to hold a social gathering at the home of its president, Mrs. Florence Vincent, tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Members will sew for themselves or for the auxiliary, or just talk if they prefer. A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon. Members are invited to take their friends along.

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Areme club of Eureka chapter OES met 21 strong at Mrs. Mary Golder's home yesterday to devote an all-day session to sewing, stopping at noon to uncover luncheon dishes they had brought.

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Plans for a card party to aid British war relief was principal item among winter activities planned at the first fall business meeting of Holyrood chapter, DBE, Monday evening. Mrs. Winifred Dollinger was hostess and Mrs. Sybil Toone in charge of the meeting.

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Mrs. William Ludlow has been named HCC alumnae chairman for this year's Junior college book scholarship . . . She'll be assisted by Mrs. Larry Wise, Kay Williams and Lucille Sibley. A revised constitution is in charge of Mary Juna Williams, Lorraine McCutcheon and Mrs. Herman Humphries.

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Festive lights strung about the lawn, an outside fireplace and tables set under an arbor combined to give added flavor to steaks, wieners and baked beans Mrs. Betty Zentgraaf served the Business Women's club of the YWCA Monday evening. Only serious business of the evening was planning a moonlight boat ride from Gulfport Monday evening.

Charleston, S. C. News & Courier
October 6, 1940

NEGROES PLAN CAMPAIGN

Coming Street Y. M. C. A. to Solicit October 14-19

The Coming Street branch of the Young Women's Christian association will hold its financial campaign October 14-19. The women have been organized into groups of ten, with a captain for each group. The city has been divided and groups will solicit funds in assigned districts.

The branch will have a setting up conference October 12-13. The aim is to stress more interest among committee women to engage in a few hours of study to plan more effectively the program for the year. Laura H. McFall, of the Phyllis Wheatley branch, of Richmond, will be conference leader.

A school of violin and other string instruments started yesterday at the branch. Those interested in learning how to play the violin may call the branch for information.

Newport News, Va. Press
October 5, 1940

Former Y Head To Speak Here

Rev. A. F. Williams, Negro, formerly secretary of the old Negro Y. M. C. A. which was located on Marshall avenue, and who is senior educational adviser of the CCC in Maryland, will address the members of the Retired Men's club at the monthly meeting Sunday afternoon at the Shipyard Community center, beginning at 3.

Earl Branch Jr., will sing a solo, and introduce the speaker. Nat Brown, president, will preside.

Charleston S. C. Evening Post
March 8, 1940

SEEK CAMP FOR NEGRO SCOUTS

Drive for $500 Will Be Conducted During Week of March 17-25

A drive will be held among Charleston negroes March 17-25 to raise funds for the purchase of a camp site for colored Boy Scouts.

Dr. H. U. Seabrook has been named general chairman of the campaign, and the goal has been set at $500. Officials hope to purchase a tract of land on James Island which has already been selected.

The campaign period will be known as "camp drive week", and those interested in the physical, mental and moral welfare of colored boys in Charleston are asked to contribute.

Sunday, March 17 will be "camp drive day" and a public mass meeting will be held at the Zion Presbyterian church on Calhoun street, starting at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Prominent speakers will address the meeting and special music, under the direction of Professor J. Donavan Moore, will be given. The public is invited to attend.

The drive will be under the direction of Dr. Seabrook, who will be assisted by Edward Simmons, Professor F. A. DeCosta, Rev. L. A. Baskerville, Rev. J. F. Henderson, Rev. S H Scott, John H. Green, Professor F. Jackson, John H. Gadsden and Arthur Howard.

In the past the colored scouts have been holding their camp on the farm of Charles Clements. At the present time a training program for colored scout leaders is being conducted under Rev. J. F. Henderson, and a number of troops are being organized under the direction of John H. Green.

Additional committee will be appointed in the near future to assist with the fund-raising campaign.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., News
March 3, 1940

60 Negroes Boy Scouts At Demopolis Rally

More than 60 Negro Boy Scouts from Tuscaloosa attended a Scout rally held in Demopolis, where all the Negro Troops in the Black Warrior Council participated in the competitive events.

Troops were present from Aliceville, Greensboro, Demopolis, Livingston, Tuscaloosa, and Northport.

Plans for the rally were made at a joint meeting of all negro Boy Scout troops of Tuscaloosa, which was held last Tuesday night. At this meeting, the district commissioner, James McEnge told of plans that are under way to set up an employment bureau for negro Boy Scouts to find work through which they may earn their expenses in Scouting and thus, not be denied the benefits of this character building program because of the expense.

He said that there are some two or three hundred boys of Scout age, who wish to become members. All citizens of this city who are interested in the promotion of better citizenship are asked to cooperate with this movement and permit boys to earn their Scout fees by doing odd jobs. All interested persons are requested to call James McEnge at Telephone 1454-J. Anyone having odd jobs to be done may be assured of getting dependable help through this service.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Free Press
March 9, 1940

Colored Boy Scouts Hold Court of Honor

Chairman L. D. Collins conducted the regular monthly colored Scout Court of Honor Thursday night in the scout office. Many boys and leaders were present. Several were successful in passing tests. Percelle McFadden, Troop 97, passed merit badges in woodwork, public health and personal health. Bird study was passed satisfactorily by Virgil Clark, of Troop 97, and Harold Taylor, of Troop 97. In this bird study subject it was stated that the English sparrow saved the Government millions of dollars per year by destroying insects and worms in crops. Clarence Fearn, of Troop 81, was examined in cooking and basketry. Willie Mack Williams passed merit badge in cycling.

Chattanooga Tenn. Daily Times
April 2, 1940

AWARDS ARE MADE TO COLORED SCOUTS

Thornhill Is Named 'Scout of Year' During Annual Program at Church

Several hundred colored Boy Scouts and their parents and friends attended the annual sermon and presentation of awards and certificates at St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal church, Sunday afternoon, following a parade of the organization which formed at Joseph E. Smith school under direction of H. J. Hailey.

A statement released yesterday by J. L. Jenkins, scout commissioner in charge of colored troops of the Chattanooga area, said Troops 97 and 87, respectively, won first and second prizes for their showing in the parade. Scout Thomas Thornhill, of Troop 97, won the certificate and scout watch presented annually as the William VanDyke Ochs award for "the outstanding scout of the past year." This award was presented by Chief C. K Peacock, scout executive.

Melvin Jenkins, of Troop 97, won the Eagle badge given by the Court of Honor, and Commissioners J. L. Morrow and M. L. Brown were the first of the Chattanooga Area council to receive "scouter training awards" for having completed the national five-year progressive training course.

Those who received certificates and letters for completion of the two-week training course were:

Orvil Sparkman, J. L. Morrow, H. J. Hailey, John James, C. C. Morton, Leon Tucker, U. W. Richardson, Walter Few, Leonard Russell, L. D. Collins, Melvin Nelson, M. L. Brown, J. H. Jenkins, Clarence Fearn, J. D. Locke, J. L. Jenkins, Jr., Willie Mack Williams, Virgil Clark, Melvin Jenkins, Harold Taylor, James Groce, James Bennett and C. C. Morton, Jr.

Memphis, Tenn. Commercial Appeal
April 3, 1940

Negro Scouts To Launch $3000 Drive Tonight

The general campaign of Seminole Division (negro), Boy Scouts, will open with a dinner-meeting at LeMoyne College tonight.

A goal of $3000 has been set. Report of the Initial Gifts Committee will be made during the meeting.

Prof. H. M. Gloster is general chairman of the 1940 campaign; L. C. Sharpe, chairman of the general drive; Dean H. C. Hamilton, chairman Finance Committee; L. M. Zinn, Publicity chairman; Dr. H. B. Gibson, speakers, and Dr. E. M. Wilkins, Initial Gifts.

Durham N. C. Morning Herald
March 31, 1940

NEGRO BOYS' CLUB TO BEGIN ACTIVITY

Repairs On Old Wonderland Theatre Building Completed, Committee Reports

A meeting of the executive committee of the Boys' club was held in the office of the chairman, W. J. Kennedy, Jr., yesterday at which time the chairman announced that repairs on the old Wonderland theater building, located at the corner of Pettigrew and Ramsey streets, had been recently completed and that this building was available for the Boys' club activities.

During the months of March and April, 1939, the Durham committee on Negro affairs sponsored a campaign to raise funds for a Boys' club activity among Negroes, which resulted in a total of $2,012.09, consisting of $919.59 in cash, $517.50 in pledges, and labor, material, and equipment valued at $575.

At the conclusion of the campaign for funds during the year 1939, the committe was unable to secure suitable quarters for the Boys' club activity and it became necessary to delay further action in reference to its program because the building was not in condition for occupancy.

Appropriate action was taken by the committee to proceed with the Boys' club project and to secure advice from proper sources as to changes necessary to be made in order to facilitate the work of the club. Every effort will be put forth to have the club in operation at an early date.

The following persons were present: W. J. Kennedy, Jr., chairman; E. W. Midgette, secretary J. H. Wheeler, treasurer; D. B. Martin, L. M. Berry, W. D. Hill, C. O Pearson and J. W. Bailey.

Asheville N. C. Citizen
March 30, 1940

WILL INSTALL FIRST NEGRO SCOUT TROOP

HENDERSONVILLE, March 29 (Special)—Henderson county's first negro Boy Scout troop will be installed Sunday evening at 7:30 at the Star of Bethel Baptist church on Grove St.

The Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin of Asheville, inter-racial chairman of the Daniel Boone council will be present and make a talk to the gathering.

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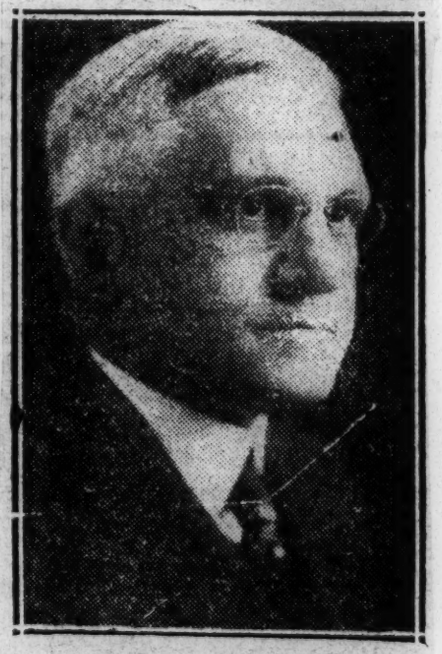
Albert Bridwell is scoutmaster of the new troop and Sam Mills is assistant. The troop committee is composed of James Pilgrim, chairman, Fred Means, George Byrd William Smith and Arthur Brown A section of the church will be reserved for white visitors.

Union, S. C., Times
April 13, 1940

Region Six Scout Conference Will Be In Greenville



PAUL W. SCHENCK
Member of National Executive Board and Chairman, Region No. 6, Boy Scouts of America.

The annual Scouters' Confer-

ence for Region Six, Boy Scouts of America, which brings together councils from four states, North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, will be hed at the Poinsett Hotel in Greenville, S. C. Tuesday, April 16 beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning and concluding with a banquet, Tuesday night. The theme of this meeting is "The District is to the Council as the Patrol is to the Troop."

Paul W. Schenck of Greensboro, N. C., chairman of Region 6, in his statement to the council presidents, said that he was making his plans to attend the annual meeting and hoped to see every executive board member, district board member, commissioner, troop committeeman, Scoutmaster, and assistant Scoutmaster, there, April 16. There are special group meetings during the afternoon for all of the above name officials. National officials who will attend the meeting are Arthur A. Schuck, director, division of operations and Stanley A. Harris, director of Inter-Racial Activities.

Charlotte, N. C., News
August 19, 1940

Negro YMCA Work for Autumn Is Discussed

There was a meeting of the Board of Management of the Negro branch of the YMCA this morning at 11 o'clock at YMCA headquarters. The committee discussed committee organization for the Fall season and boys' work needs in Charlotte.

Dr. J. W. Herritage, general manager of the Negro YMCA in Charlotte and Arthur Anderson, executive secretary, presided.

Charlotte, N. C. Observer
August 19 1940

WILL DISCUSS PROGRAM FOR NEGRO 'Y' BRANCH

Plans for the fall program of the Negro branch of the Charlotte Y. M.C.A., with particular reference to the work among Negro boys, will be discussed at a meeting in the association building, at 11 o'clock this morning.

Those who are to meet with Lex Klutz, general secretary of the association, at this conference are the following officials of the Negro branch:

Dr. J. W. Herritage, general chairman of the board of management; Arthur Anderson, executive secretary, and C. E. Moreland, first vice president.

Arrangements for a special meeting of the board of management late in August will be discussed at the session today. 5

Gastonia N. C. Gazette
April 22, 1940

Negro Scout Troops Of Council Make Progress

—BY MAUDE M. JEFFERS—

The Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America, held a meeting at the Scout headquarters here Sunday afternoon which was attended by Scout officials of both races throughout the council. J. W. Atkins, chairman of the interracial committee, opened the meeting by stating that leaders must concentrate toward improving their leadership and program so that larger number of Negro boys would become Scouts and that churches, parent-teacher associations and other institutions would sponsor troops. He told of the camp that had been conducted for the past two years with great success at Lincoln Academy.

President Bismarck Capps of the council made a short talk informing the group that if Scouting was to make progress the leaders would have to believe in Scouting, teach it and work to extend its program.

"One hour a week, given to the program," he explained, "will make an improvement which would bring about more and larger troops and a better program."

He gave figures showing that there were 3,636 Negro boys in the Piedmont Council area and that only 281 were Scouts. This, he said, was not the fault of the boys but of the leaders who had not stimulated the work effectively.

Reports of the following troops were made:

Charles Costner reported for Troop 17, Gastonia, sponsored by Highland school and said that 12 merit badges had been given this year. There are 34 members.

Rev. E. W. Burke said that Troop 18, sponsored by Tabernacle Baptist church, had lapsed during his illness due to an automobile wreck but would be reinstated soon with the assistance of his son, Robert Burke, and the Eagle Scout assistant, David Porter.

Troop 19, sponsored by the Firestone Cotton Mills of West Gastonia, was reported to be ready for the court of honor Wednesday night April 24.

Sam Gillespie of Lowell said that Lowell Troop 5, sponsored by the parent-teacher association, had lapsed but will be revived this week.

Jethro Henry reported for Troop 4 of Bessemer City, supported by the P.-T. A., that slow progress had been made due to lack of enthusiasm on the part of leaders. He pledged more and better work for the future.

Coach H. S. Blue said that Belmont Troop 10, sponsored by the P.-T. A., had placed emphasis on quality rather than quantity and had been able to accomplish much.

F. L. Smith, Cherryville, said that Troop 10, sponsored by the John Chavis school, was proving helpful to the boys and much interest was manifested.

H. L. Lander, Lincolnton, said that Troop 10, sponsored by the Moore's Chapel A. M. E. Zion church, had trained four active patrols. Some of the boys had moved to other communities but were carrying on active work in their new communities. One who had moved to Burlington was a Scout leader and was first aid attendant for the athletic teams. Scout Executive R. M. Schiele said Mr. Lander had trained the best patrols in the council.

R. M. Lynch of Kings Mountain reported new members for Troop 10, supported by the Davidson high school.

Troop 10, sponsored by the Cleveland high school, Shelby, was reported to be making slow progress because of lack of interest from sources outside of the school.

W. E. Belton said for Troop 10, Lawndale, sponsored by Douglass high school, that the interest had been great and the enrollment had increased from 10 to 15.

The Forest City, Troop 10, sent five boys to the meeting. The troop was said to be less than a year old but had much enthusiasm.

Spindale was reported to be revived recently and the charter was renewed. It is sponsored by the colored school.

Statesville made excellent reports of personal interviews with parents. They were interested when they knew the value of Scouting.

Tryon has an enlarged membership; a successful program.

Sam Gillispie said that the Neeley's Grove Troop 1, supported by the Center Baptist church, had failed because some of the leaders had moved away. Very good work had been done including sending a Scout to the Jamboree as well as live community work. The troop is to be reinstated soon, with the assistance of Rev. E. W. Burke, Sam Gillispie and others.

E. T. Morre of Hickory said that the success of Troop 10, sponsored by the Clark-Gabriel Post, American Legion, had made progress because of the splendid interracial cooperation and the planned program which was projected over a long period.

Principal T. C. Tillman, chairman of the Gaston county court of honor, said that boys recommended for merit badges were those who have actually deserved them, having been good citizens in the school and in the community. They have to measure up in actual life situations.

Rev. Mr. Foster of Lawndale said that he had spoken in the Ninth District Parent-Teacher Congress meeting at Charlotte in behalf of the Scouting program to a very large audience of leaders from Western North Carolina.

Principal W. H. Green said that The Parent-Teacher Bulletin would carry publicity concerning Scouting and would help to encourage the program.

Mrs. Maude M. Jeffers, president of the Ninth District North Carolina Parent-Teacher Congress, and Jeanes supervisor of Gaston county schools, said that the Scouts have proved to be worthy citizens as well as good pupils. She expressed a wish that the program should reach each community throughout the district.

Scout Executive R. M. Schiele said that the Scouting program had had prestige for many years. He advocated more meetings of this type to stimulate the work. He said that we should re-commit ourselves to bigger things. Mention was made of the camps at Atlanta and at Greensboro which cities do not have as large number as we do in the Piedmont Council. He said that the Negroes at Atlanta were paying from funds that they raised a full time Negro Scout executive. He encouraged the leaders to look for a suitable site for a camp for the Piedmont Council.

Chairman J. W. Atkins of the interracial committee said that with the excellent facilities of Lincoln Academy, the proximity to the mountain, the swimming pool and other advantages the boys had had wholesome camp life for two summers. This would continue this summer with the cooperation of Dr. McDowell and Lincoln Academy. He hoped to have the permanent camp by the next year.

Nathaniel Barber of Gastonia was elected as chairman of the camp committee.

which took action recently that all separate Hi-Y [illegible]ming camps be discontinued.

The program of the camp period, August 21-30, will provide activities of swimming, canoeing, horseback riding, handicraft, leather work ping pong and other fellowship games, rifle shooting, archery, hiking and kodaking.

Members of the Paseo Boys' department will have the opportunity to fellowship with boys from Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska and Missouri.

The attendance at Camp Wood by Dunbar Reed, boys' secretary along with boy leaders, is expected to bolster the program in the Paseo department this year. Boy leaders attending the training conference are Roscoe Hayden, Jackson Kind and Sylvester Hodge.

Earlier in the summer, F. S. Smith, executive secretary of Paseo, attended the Mid-Western association of secretaries at Lake Geneva, Wis., and returned with valuable information to inject into the Paseo Y.M.C.A.

Hi-Y Boys to Interracial Camp Near Avondale, Kas.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (Special) —The Hi - Y boys of Kansas City both Negro and white will hold their first annual interracial Hi-Y training camp at Camp Wood, Avondale, Kas. This experience was made possible by the Kansas City Y.M.C.A. Residential Department

Atlanta, Ga. Constitution
February 11, 1940

Dr. Louie D. Newton Commends Work of Atlanta Colored Boys' Club

Minister Declares Group Is Carrying on Far-Reaching Ministry to Negro Youths, Offering Them a Chance to Become Good Citizens.

By DR. LOUIE D. NEWTON,
Pastor, Druid Hills Baptist Church.

"One example," said Gladstone, "is worth a thousand arguments," with which opinion I most heartily agree. And in the Colored Boys' Club of Atlanta we have an example of actual service to thousands of underprivileged children that is at once convincing.

Any movement that can reach 20,000 underprivileged youth in this or any other community within a period of seven years, offering them a chance to become good citizens rather than being swept along into vicious eddies of criminality, appeals to the thoughtful people as altogether worthwhile.

Go by 277 Auburn avenue any afternoon or evening, any day in the year, and you will see what I am talking about. The Colored Boys' Club of Atlanta, under the direction of S. J. Thompson, is carrying on a far-reaching ministry to the Negro boys and girls of our community in a rented building, supported by a voluntary budget, which will amaze any who will take the time to investigate the work.

Meeting a Need

S. J. Thompson came to Atlanta several years ago from Columbus, where he had worked for our present secretary of agriculture. In going about the city he recognized the plight of certain underprivileged Negro boys. He studied their cases from the standpoint of their home environment, following them to the juvenile court, on to the refromatory, and back again into society.

He discussed some of the cases with Judge Garland Watkins, of the juvenile court. He tendered his services, without pay, for such time as he could give from his work, in trying to rehabilitate some of these "problem" children. Judge Watkins accepted his offer and of the work of Thompson Judge Watkins writes:

"May I say that the boys' club work as developed in this county under S. J. Thompson has been very helpful in reducing delinquency among underprivileged colored boys. He has been doing this work under my immediate observation for a number of years. I know of no other agency among colored people working with boys of this class with such effectiveness as this one. He has been in almost regular attendance at this court for the past seven years. He is a man of honesty and integrity, and is rendering meritorious service in a field where the need is great."

The work of the Colored Boys' Club of Atlanta has been carried on for seven years with very little financial support. With the increased number of boys attending the club an effort will be made this year to raise a budget of $3,015 for the work. A number of white citizens have been helping with this work for several years, and it is my hope that we may get the work definitely established with an operating budget adequate to take care of the actual needs for this vitally essential service to the underprivileged Negro youth of the community.

Approval of Leaders

The work has the favor and approval of the leaders of the Negro race in Atlanta. Dr. C. D. Hubert, acting president of Morehouse College, is chairman of the board of trustees of the Colored Boys' Club.

A code of conduct has been prepared by Thompson which he daily keeps before the boys. Linked with definite religious teaching, he asks the boys to adopt this code: "Punctuality, courtesy, respect for others, cleanliness of body and mind, obedience and honesty in speech and work."

I have before me the report of the work of the club for January. It shows that a total of 805 children attended the club during the month. There were 350 midgets, 220 juniors, 190 seniors and 45 visitors.

The smaller boys came in the afternoons from 1 until 5 o'clock. The boys over 12 come in the evenings from 6 until 9 o'clock. They play such games as basketball, pingpong, checkers, ring toss, ringer games, setting-up exercises, etc. Singing is one of the feature activities of the club. They will be heard on the Druid Hills Hour, station WGST, Sunday morning, February 25, at 9 o'clock.

SCOUTS CLIMAX PROGRAM SUN.

Ninth Anniversary Is Being Observed Here

During the past week the Tenth District, Atlanta Area, Boy Scouts of America has been celebrating its ninth anniversary and the first anniversary of cubbing. The celebration will come to a climax Sunday afternoon at three o'clock when both Scouts and Cubs will assemble at Big Bethel Church to hear an address by Weaver Marr, Scout Executive for the Atlanta Area.

The Washington High School band will furnish music for the occasion, while three-minute talks on the "History of Scouting" and "Scouting as a Part of the Church" will be given by the Revs J. C. Wright and W. R. Wilkes respectively.

The new camp site, Camp J. K. Orr, will also be discussed. The camp is a beautiful tract of over 500 acres located near Jonesboro, Ga. The public is cordially invited to attend the exercises.

Tuesday night, March 26, the District Court of Honor convened in the Washington High School cafeteria. Ten boys earned merit badges. Nine were promoted to the rank of second class scouts. On scout was promoted to first class rank. Three became Star and Life Scouts. One boy received his Red Service Bars and one became an Eagle Scout.

Thursday night, March 28, a Patrol Leaders' Training Course was instituted at the Butler Street YMCA. The course will be offered every Thursday night at 6:30 o'clock for the next six weeks. Scoutmaster S. L. Davis, chairman of the Tenth Division Leadership Training, is in charge of the course. The course is open to all troop patrol leaders.

At the Thursday night meeting, the District Executive Meeting was held at Atlanta University at 7:30 o'clock. This group is composed of representatives from every troop committee and members of District Standing Committees. John P. Whittaker is chairman of the group. The conference is held every fourth Thursday of the month.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Times
March 20, 1940

Negro Boy Scouts Get Camp Site

Negro Boy Scouts of the Pinellas County Area council have received permission to use a 20-acre tract immediately south of Cross Bayou on Tampa bay as a bathing beach, and the tract eventually will be developed into a camp for them, President Bart E. Bryan announced last night.

Permission to use the beach was granted by W. A. McMullen Jr., F. R. Francke and B. R. Hancock, supervisors of the Lake Largo—Cross Bayou drainage district. The area is about 10 miles from St. Petersburg and a like distance from Clearwater. It is said to be well adapted for use as a camp because of its isolated position.

Scout Commissioner Todd Lunsford, who has worked for several years to obtain a bathing beach for negro scouts, received a letter early this week from the supervisors of the district notifying him permission was granted. The area is known as Jordan beach and is northwest of the intersection of Cross Bayou and Roosevelt.

Asheville, N. C., Times
March 30, 1940

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Chattanooga, Tenn. Daily Times
March 31, 1940

NEGRO SCOUTS TO GET THEIR AWARDS TODAY

Colored Boy Scout troops of the Chattanooga area will hold their annual sermon and presentation of awards today at 3 p.m. at St. Paul A. M. E. church, Williams street, following a parade of troops and sponsors which forms at Joseph H. Smith school, East Tenth street, at 1 p.m.

The Rev. W. F. Ball, pastor, will preach the sermon, and awards will be made to Scout Melvin Jenkins, of Troop 97, and to the outstanding scout of 1939, the William V. Ochs award, and certificates will be presented to thirteen men and ten older scouts who have recently completed a course of training conducted by Scout Commissioner J. L. Jenkins. The parade will be led by the Booker T. Washington High school band.

Huntsville, Ala. Times
April 7, 1940

Negro Boy Scout Troop Organized

Richards Named Scoutmaster; Eight Colored Boys Charter Members

A negro scout troop has been organized under the sponsorship of the William Council High school, with J. H. Richards as scoutmaster and Preston J. Banks as assistant scoutmaster.

Several months ago a number of leading negro citizens asked the Huntsville district committee for permission to organize scouting for their boys. Approval was given by the local district committee and the executive board of the Tennessee Valley Council.

Application for a troop charter was filed today at the scout office at 502 State National Bank building.

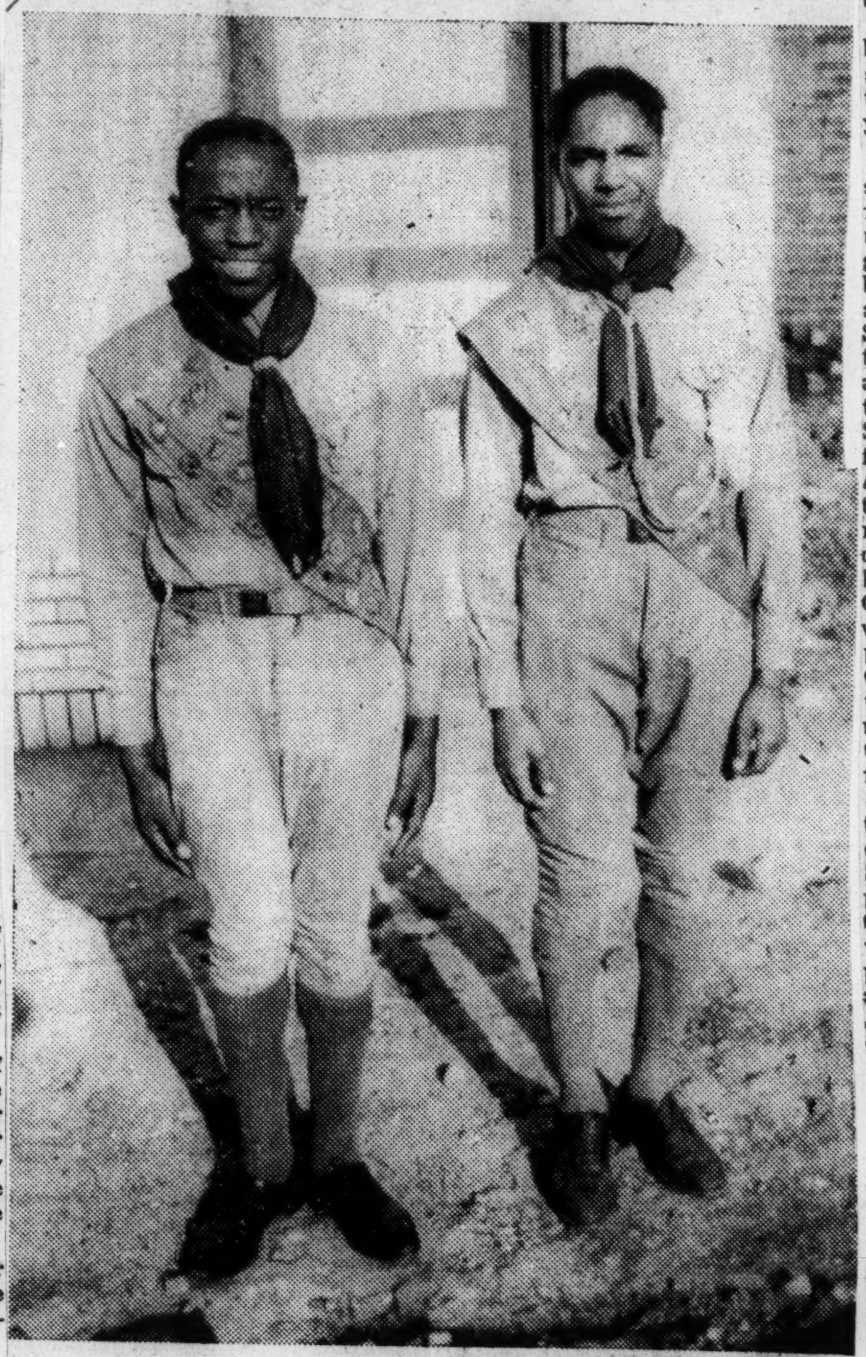
Members of the troop committee are: John Cashin, chairman; E. S. Johnson, C. H. Cobb and E. Z. Mathews.

Eight boys who have met the tenderfoot requirements, and are charter members of the new troop are: Herchel B. Cashin, Melvin Lightfoot, Monroe Powers, Maurice K. Sales, Homer Sharp, Howard Sharp, Walter T. Smith and John Glenn.

This is the third troop of colored boys now active in the Tennessee Valley Council, namely the Florence, Athens and Huntsville organizations.

Application for charter of the fourth troop is now being formulated at Tuscumbia.

Scouts Get Highest Awards



LEAMON BOLER AND WILLIE COLLINS, JR.

On May 6, two of our boys from the Interracial District became Eagle Scouts which is the highest rank in the United States any scout can achieve. These boys were Leamon Boler and Willie Collins Jr. They are members of Troop 253, of the Calvary Baptist Church at 2822 Easton avenue. Mr. Charles Crawford is their scoutmsater assisted by Mr. George Harris. The troop is six years old. There are now six colored Eagle Scouts in St. Louis. Scout Leamon Boler was born in Mississippi in 1922. He came to St. Louis and started school at Dunbar and in June, 1938 he finished the L'Ouverture School. He joined troop 253 in 1934 and in the same year passed his Tenderfoot and Second Class test. Boler became First Class in 1938. He achieved Star and Life awards in 1939. He is a veteran scout with six years of service to his credit. He is a student at the Sumner High School and is in his second year. In 1939 he won the honors of being the fourth best bugler in the world with the American Legionaires Drum and Bugle Corps. He has held practically every office in the troop and is now Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. He resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boler, at 2733 Choutea avenue and is a member of LaSalle Baptist Church.

Scout Willie Collins has the honor of being the youngest Negro Eagle Scout ever made in the city of St. Louis, being 15 years of age.

Scout Willie Collins Jr., joined scouting and passed his Tenderfoot test June 6, 1937 and has not quite been in the Scout organization three years. He was born in St. Louis, July 4, 1924 and started to the Banneker School Sept. 1929. He finished the Divoll School January, 1938 and is now in his third year at the Vashon High School. In Scouting he has held every office with the exception of Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. He is now the Senior Patrol Leader and is referred to as the "Big Dynamo of Troop 253." He is on the Public Speaker staff of the St. Louis Council and is one of those boys who is selected each year to make public speeches for the St. Louis Council. It is an honor to be on this speakers staff. He is a member of the Calvary Baptist Church where he holds quite a few offices. He is a Sunday School teacher, assistant secretary of the Sunday School; president of the Royal Crusaders, a Sunday School organization; president and director of the Calvary Intermediate Chorus, Devotional leader of the BYPU; president Calvary Herald Club and financial secretary of the Junior Usher Board. He resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Collins at 2314 Stoddard St. Dr. Ross Lewin awarded the badges.

Other Scouts to receive awards were: John Smith, James Walker and Charles Ward Life Badges Wilmer White, Star Badge; John First Class; Jefferson Sneed, Hightower and Clarence Pruitt, Second Class and Lamar Wise, Tenderfoot. At this Court of Honor every award was made from Tendrefoot to Eagle. Dr. Harry S. Blackiston was the principal speaker.

When Dr. Blackiston had finished Mr. Sampson, Commissioner of our Troop, awarded the second class and First Class Awards to Scouts Clarence Pruitt and John Hightower. Following this came the awarding of about thirty merit badges.

Many scouts who received merit badges were new in this field of scout work, namely Charles Crawford, Jr., Conrad Manns, Jeff Sneed, Ina Butler and Clarence Pruitt with four veteran in field, Willie Collins, Jr., Leamon "Doc" Bolen. Charles Ward, Jr., and John Smith Jr. The awards were made by "Pops" Beckett of Sumner High School.

One Scout, Wilmer White, received his star from D. T. Bel three scouts, Charles Wand, Jr. James Walker and John Smith Jr., received their awards from the principal of Simmons.

Among the notables present were Eagle Scout Earl Thames, Mr. Rand, John Davis, Troop 203, Mr. Harris, Miss Donaldson of Vashon, "Pops" Beckett of Sumner, D. T. Bell and the principal of Sumner.

Charles Crawford, Scoutmaster; John Smith, scribe.

Scouts Will Be Awarded Coveted Eagle Badges

Boy Scout Troop No. 253 of Calvary Baptist Church will hold an Eagle Court of Honor Monday night when it will award Eagles to Leamon Boler and Willie Collins, Jr. John Smith, Jr., Charles Wood and James Walker will receive life awards, and Wilmer White will receive his star. There will also be the awarding of numerous merit badges.

Leamon Boler, who has been with the troop since its organization in '33, is Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. He is the best bugler in the inter-racial District and has been most valuable to the Scoutmaster, Charles Crawford, who has been the scoutmaster since the organization of Troop No. 253.

Willie Collins, Jr., who is a senior patrol leader, is the "big dynamo" of the troop. He is very conscientious about his Scout work and has made rapid progress in his three years with the troop. John Smith, Jr., scribe of the troop, is called the "little dynamo," being very capable in keeping records and is very essential in troop activities. Charles Ward, Jr., James Walker and Wilmer White complete the high rankers.

Dr. Harry S. Backiston of Stowe Teachers College will be the principal speaker at the event at Calvary Baptist Church, 2822 Easton avenue, Rev. I. T. Moore, pastor. The public is invited.

Charles Crawford, scoutmaster; John Smith. Jr., scribe.

Tarboro, N. C., Wkly. Southerner
May 3, 1940

Colored Camporee Underway; Nearly 200 Negro Scouts Here

The colored Scouts of the East Carolina Council began arriving at noon today. The welcome Scouts banner across the street by the postoffice gave the directions for the location of the encampment behind the colored high school building. It is an attractive campsite with the Scout patrols camping in a half-moon with the flag of our nation as the center point.

The Scouts have been examined by the doctors and during the afternoon have been "digging in" getting ready for the three days' camporee. Tomorrow is the day when ten of the interesting Scouting events will take place, starting at 9 o'clock until noon and again from 2 until 5 o'clock. The functions are open to the entire public.

A special reserved session of the high school auditorium is being reserved Saturday night for the white friends of the Scouts. They will near each patrol's quartet sing, see a Scout play by Troop 161 of Rocky Mount and hear such men as Judge F. C. Harding of Greenville, C. G. Morris of Washington talk on Scouting in this farewell "campfire".

Tonight the Scouts are the guests of the Tarboro Baseball Club. Just before they leave their campsite the Scouts will hold a short campfire program.

There are all sorts of tentage —pop tents, the army pyramids, wall tents, etc. Very few this year are sleeping in the school building as they did when six years ago Tarboro was the host at the very first Colored Patrol Camporee of the East Carolina Council.

Credit is given by John J. Sigwald, Scout executive to Rev Chester Alexander and the district chairman for their preliminary work in co-operation with Scoutmaster W. H. Parker, who with his Scouts have worked for weeks in preparation.

Training courses are being held tonight, following the ball game tonight and after the farewell campfire tomorrow night. At these sessions M. D. Williams of Wilson, the council's colored training chairman, has arranged definite instruction in Scouting and tomorrow night Mr. Morris, the council's interracial chairman (white) is proposing a five-year-plan for the promotion of colored Scouting of the council which already has more colored troops than any other council in the Scout east but strangely not as many colored Scouts as some. The local council Scoutmasters will be challenged to have each troop enlarge his enrollment so that we of the East Carolina Council will also have more colored Scouts than any other.

If Scouting is good (and we admit it is) for the white boy, it is good for the Negro. Tarboro is happy to be the host again.

Anniston, Ala. Star
April 26, 1940

Honor Court Held For Negro Scouts

The Anniston Court of Honor held monthly for Negro Scouts was conducted last night at the Mount Zion Baptist Church, colored, with the Rev. A. W. Rice, chairman of the court, presiding. The following work was passed:

Firemanship merit badge, Joseph Williams, Frank Finch and Joe Patterson; handicraft, Joe Patterson; personal health, J. T. Wood; safety, Walter Madden; wood turning, Sandy Dudley; woodwork, Sandy Dudley.

The next court of honor for these boys will be held at the Friendship Baptist Church the last Thursday in May.

Orlando, Fla., Morning Sentinel
May 5, 1940

Eustis Negro Boy's Council Handles Full Duties of Court

[Special to The Sunday Sentinel-Star]

EUSTIS—Any member of the Negro Boys' Council of Eustis found using tobacco, abusive language, or being absent from school without a proper excuse, is taken by the council police chief before their judge.

Acting as a jury, the entire council hears the camplaint, and considers the evidence. If the accused member is found guilty, suitable punishment is imposed by the council judge.

In this and other ways are the 76 council members, whose ages range from 12 to 18, teaching themselves to be better citizens. This year they sponsored a health program in the local negro school and the community. They conducted a campaign in which all houses and yards were cleaned, and cleared of rubbish and empty tin cans, where mosquitoes were breeding. Members spent a day in the negro cemetery removing brush and otherwise beautifying the grounds.

The man responsible for the organization of the Negro Boys' Council is O. M. Grimstad, chairman of negro affairs for the Eustis Post of American Legion. He now plans to organize similar councils in Mount Dora and Umatilla.

Mr. Grimstad also organized the Tri-City Post of Colored World War Veterans at Eustis, which was sponsored by Legionnaires of Eustis, Mount Dora and Umatilla. The Tri-City Post, formed in 1939, is already one of the most active colored posts in Florida. As in the American Legion, the main activities of the colored post are concerned with Americanism, and the relief of disabled veterans and their dependents.

During the past year, with the cooperation of negro school officials, the colored post sponsored Americanism programs in the negro schools on Memorial Day and Armistice Day, and a community program on July 4.

An auxiliary to the Tri-City Post was organized last Fall, and is helping the post to develop a health program for the negro community.

Greensboro, N. C., News
August 16, 1940

NEGRO BOYS, GIRLS AT MUNICIPAL CAMP

First Session Opens Monday At Camp Carlson.

First annual municipal recreation camp for negroes will open at Camp Carlson, negro Boy scout camp, next Monday and continue through August 31, it was announced yesterday by Greensboro Recreation commission.

The first municipal camp for negro children, the event will have four camping periods, alternating for boys and girls with 30 in each group. The camp is being held through courtesy of the Greensboro Boy scout council, Frank Dix, executive, and Rev. R. C. Sharpe, chairman of the negro district scout committee.

Persons wishing to register should Recreational staff for the camp in- Recreational saff for the camp includes A. H. Peeler, camp director, Fannie S. Sizemore, William W. Leak, William E. Hooker, Parthenia Boyd, Mary Bankhead, Arthur Headen and Eula Holliday.

Greensboro, N. C., Record
August 15, 1940

Negro Camping Period Planned

Annual Municipal Camp Will Open Next Monday

The first annual municipal recreation camp for negroes will be held at Camp Carlson, negro Boy scout camp, opening next Monday and lasting through August 31. It was announced today by the Greensboro Recreation commission that the camp will be the first municipal camp for negro children and will be held for four camping groups of boys and girls, alternating respectively. There will be 30 each in the four groups, which will camp for a period of three days. The first camp group will leave from the Windsor Community center at 10 o'clock next Monday morning.

The camp, which is being held through the courtesy of the Greensboro Boy scout council, Frank Dix, executive, and Rev. R. C. Sharpe, chairman of the negro district scout committee. Camp Carlson, recently donated to the negro Boy scouts of the city by Dr. C. I. Carlson, is one of the finest in the south, being located eight miles northwest of the city in the Bass Chapel section. The camp occupies 40 acres of beautiful wooded land in a natural camp setting, with excellent facilities for outdoor work, and healthy, clear swimming area.

Should Register Now.

Boys and girls desiring to register for camp should do so this week at the Windsor center office. First registration will be selected for the first three-day camping groups. Activities at camp will include devotions, camp improvement, ceremonial campfire, swimming, games, songs, exploration, first aid, nature, handcraft, and stunts.

The negro recreation staff will serve as counsel personnel for the camp, including A. H. Peeler, camp director; Fannie S. Sizemore, William W. Leak, William E. Hooker, Parthenia Boyd, Mary Bankhead, Arthur Headen, and Eula Holliday.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times
May 27, 1940

NEGRO SCOUTS

"Summer Camp"

The scout campaign for summer camp is on the way. Many cash subscriptions and pledges have been made. Please get your subscription into scout headquarters, 124½ East Ninth street, immediately. Scouting is the only organization in Chattanooga that has specialized in camping for Negroes. For the past twelve years more than 2,600 boys have spent from two to three weeks in a well supervised Boy Scout camp. More than 3,000 scouts have taken hikes into the woods guided by experienced and trained scoutmasters who were capable of protecting and caring for the boys. We owe many thanks to these scoutmasters. During the twelve years there has not been a serious accident. We are going to our new camp this summer on July 27. We are striving to raise $550 to take care of 200 scouts for three weeks. The very best have been planned for the boys and we are calling on all of our friends, both white and colored, to mail in your donation to the 1940 summer camp fund. Make your checks to Boy Scouts of America, Chattanooga Area council, colored division, 124½ East Ninth street.

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Troop 81, Community

Our meeting was opened at the regular time by Scout Marcus Sims. We were glad to have William Jones join our troop. Scoutmaster Heath made a short talk. Scout Robert Ridley passed his tenderfoot test. The patrol leaders met at the home of Marshall Hammonds. We are planning a troop hike soon. Assistant Scoutmaster Sparkman is going to take the patrol leaders on a short hike Wednesday night. We were glad to have our junior assistant scoutmaster, Glenn Tipton, and Scout Bernard Logan with us. They gave us some good points. We took up our dues and dismissed. — Robert Johnson, Scribe.

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West Main Street Club

We met in our places for duty last week and every club member performed his duty well. The traffic officer takes a great deal of interest in us. We are asking our friends to make liberal donations to our "camp drive." We are also working after school hours to get money for our fee, which is $2.00.—Harold Betts, Scribe; A. Hattle, Assistant Scribe.

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Troop 97, Community

Thomas Thornhill, our newly elected senior patrol leader, took charge and opened our meeting at 7 p. m. He gave a good talk, promising to make an effort to justify the confidence we place in him. The boys pledged their support. Harold Taylor was made junior assistant scoutmaster. A group of our uniformed scouts, under the leadership of Vergil Clark, acted as ushers and guides at the Lincoln Center Community house this week. An application was received from Preston Hurt, Jr., a new boy.—James Groce, Scribe.

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Troop 93, St. Paul's A. M. E. Church

The scouts of Troop 93 met Wednesday night in the basement of the church, with the scoutmaster in charge. The scoutmaster planned with us a hike for Wednesday. We played some scout games and then we closed with "Taps."—Billy Ball, Scribe.

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Troop 84, Bethlem Center

We opened our meeting with the scout oath and law led by Napoleon Gibbons, assistant scribe. Then the leader conducted a short business meeting. The meeting was short Friday night because most of the boys had knothole tickets and wanted to go to the game on time. We are having a weiner roast Monday night and we hope that all the scouts will participate. We closed with the scout benediction and by singing "Taps."

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Troop 98,
Carter Street Baptist Church

Troop 98 had its regular meeting Thursday night with the usual form of opening. We tied a few knots and planned on a "Sweet Night." This idea was led by Herman Making. Then we dismissed with the scout benediction.—James Beck, Jr., Scribe.

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Troop 95,
Orchard Knob Baptist Church

We opened at 7 o'clock after which our scoutmaster had a short message to give us. We made some changes in our softball team. The troop dismissed in usual form.—James L. Jenkins, Jr., Scribe.

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Troop 87, Thompkins Chapel Church

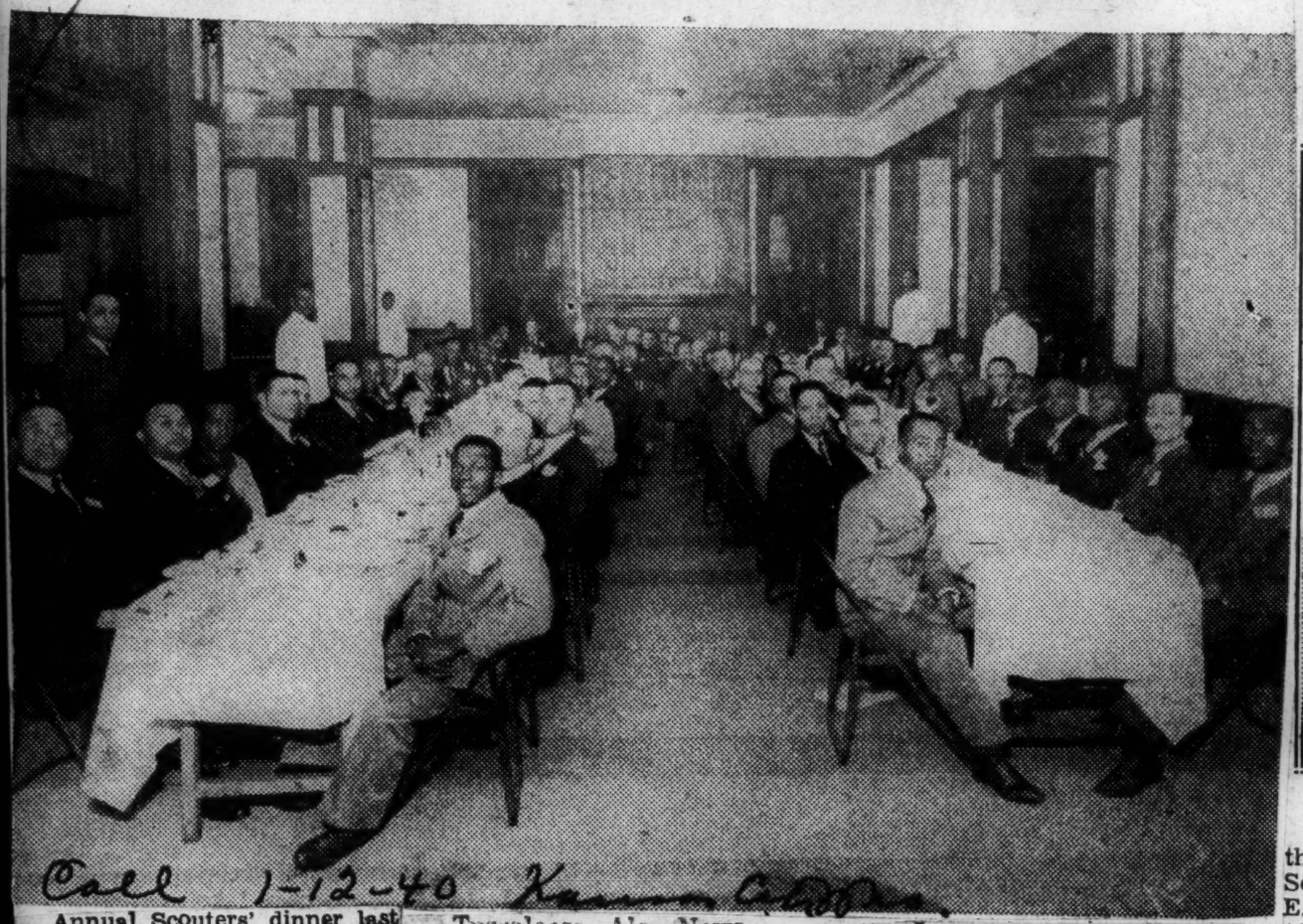
Our meeting was opened at the regular time by Scout Marcus Sims. We were glad to have William D. Johnes join our troop. Scoutmaster Heath made a short talk. Scout Robert Ridley passed his tenderfoot test. The patrol leaders met Wednesday at 7 p.m. The meeting was conducted by William Allen. We are planning a troop hike soon. Assistant Scoutmaster Sparkman is going to the patrol leaders and plan a short hike for Wednesday night. We were glad to have our junior assistant scoutmaster Glenn Tipton, and Scout Bernard Logan with us, who gave us some good points. We took up our dues. We were dismissed by patrols, led b William Allen. — Robert Johnson Scribe.

AIDING NEW BOY SCOUT TROOP

Eagle Tenderness News.

. . . IN ROCKVILLE CENTER, L. I., are the above men, left to right, Dr. Albert Soos, Walter Statdlander, committeemen; Frank Lauver, Nassau County supervisor; Frank Kableman, chairman and Ernest Van Purnell, scoutmaster, being presented with the troop's charter by William Monroe, committeeman and Daniel Taylor, assistant scoutmaster.

Scouts Report Progress at Annual Dinner



Call 1-12-40 Kansas City Mo.

Annual Scouters' dinner last month at the St. Louis Y. M. C. A. at which A. J. Taylor, assistant to the national director of interracial activities was the speaker of the evening. Addresses were made by Dr. Harry S. Blackiston, member of the advancement committee and the Eagle Board of Review; Virgil McKnight, member of the organization committee; S. C. Reaves, director of extension and program. Thomas R. Collins, chairman of interracial committee; Rev. S. Lewis, invocator and committeeman of Troop 213, and W.H.J. (Pops) Beckett, master of ceremonies.

There were 84 men in attendance, who represented the 30 Scout troops from St. Louis and the counties. The reports of the evening showed a general increase of scouting over the year: membership increased from 456 to 600; troops increased from 22 to 30; Troop Courts of Honor increased from 15 to 23; with the total advancement awards jumping from 113 to 285. This marks the most outstanding record that the interracial division has ever achieved.

Tuscaloosa, Ala. News
January 16, 1940

Executive Addresses Negro Scout Leaders

The Negro Boy Scout Council met with the Boy Scouts recently in the Vanhoose Building with E. Trout, negro county agent, directing a recreational hour. Scout executive Glen R. Nordyke of Memphis, Tenn., gave the history of negro scouting in Region Five.

Alabama, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas make up this fifth region with a membership of 3,500 negro Boy Scouts, according to the speaker. This number represents 32.2 per cent of all negro scouts. Nordyke pointed out that insufficient funds were responsible for small membership in the work.

The speaker told of the scout's responsibility to his country, state and community, and he praised the scouting program in this community. Members of the council were urged to leave nothing undone in promoting the local work.

District Commissioner James McEnge related the history of local negro scouting, and told of the awakening of negroes to the need and importance of the program. The meeting was concluded with the singing of "Give Me That Old Scouting Spirit" and "Me and Brother Bill."

Atty. Garner Is Named A Leader In Scout Drive

Att'y S. E. Garner

The Campaign Committee of the St. Louis Council of Boy Scouts has named Attorney Silas E. Garner to head Division No. 10. The campaign to raise $118,525.00 will get under way Tuesday evening, Feb. 13, at a complimentary dinner at the Pine Street Y.M.C.A. Mr. Frank X. Reller, Chief Probation Officer, will be the guest speaker.

The quota for Division No. 10 is $1,000 and the total goal of the campaign is $118,525.

Attorney Garner has served as chairman of the Negro division of the Community Fund during three successful campaigns and his selection as chairman for the present drive is looked upon with much favor by the people of the community.

Workers Out to Raise $1500 in Boy Scout Drive

Douglas Division, Boy Scouts of America, launched its 1940 finance campaign at a dinner meeting Monday night at Morris'. Approximately 100 enthusiastic workers were present and pledged themselves to raising $1500, goal of Douglas Division to carry on its work during the year.

Pep talks were made by Dr. William Benson, executive director of Douglas Division and Al Kirk, director of finance campaign for the Chicago area. Charles D. Murray, general chairman of the drive; Atty. Sidney Brown, vice-chairman of the men's division and Mrs. Charlemae Rollins, vice-chairman of the woman's division were other speakers.

The sixteen team captains and their worwkers were introduced. Each pledged themselves to raise a certain quota toward the desired amount. Those in charge of teams in the men's division are Atty. Marcus A. Mahone, Atty. Thomas Clark, Atty. William K. Hooks, Frederick Parker, Dr. Howard B. Shephard and Dr. A. S. Beckham.

Members of the woman's auxiliary acting as team captains are Mesdames Marion M. Baxter, Bessie Benson, Eugenia Burns, Clara Greene, Ethel Jones, Dorothea Hooks, Mary Boykin, Harriet Davis and Beatrice Willis.

A report meeting will be held Monday night, Feb. 19, at 8 p. m. in the office of Atty. Sidney Brown 417 E. 47th street. All workers are urged to be present and submit reports on the progress of the drive.

Boy Scout Week

The 30th anniversary of the Boy Scout movement serves to call attention to the magnitude of the fine work among American boys. No more worthwhile endeavor has ever begun. The whole future of the nation depends in no small measure upon the boys of today.

"The American Way" for our boys must become as it will the uncompromising champion of the rights of every boy in America to have the training and opportunity for advancement that is his by virtue of the "proposition that all men are created equal."

Following so close up the White House Conference on Children in a Democracy, the President very wisely evaluates and interprets the obligation of America to its boys.

As we strive to give our boys better viewpoints and set for them better examples in honesty and unselfish living, we help God to give us "Men to Match our Mountains."

First Negro Scout Troop In Seattle Receive Charter At Impressive Rites

By Byron Johnson, Troop Scribe

Monday evening, February 19, gave birth to Negro Scoutdom in Seattle at an impressive ceremony held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. The meeting was opened by a flag ritual in which Troop 2 and Troop 14 participated, after which invocation was given by Rev. John R. Harris. Bernard E. Squires, who presided over the meeting, gave a brief talk on the organization of the troop. He then introduced Walter Reiman, representative of the Knights of the Round Table. Mr. Reiman then introduced members of the Round Table among whom was their president, Lou Kelley, who gave a short talk.

Charles B. Warner, field executive of the Seattle Area Council, spoke and in turn introduced Mr. Adams, District Commissioner, who swore in the troop committee which consists of Bernard E. Squires, chairman, Rev. John R. Harris, Joe Manning, Clay B. Elliott and Ernest White. They were then given their credentials of office and the Charter.

Karl Spitz, Scoutmaster of Troop 2, swore in the staff of Troop 14, which consists of Sterling Dover, Scoutmaster, and Henry Johnson and Douglas Brown, Assistant Scoutmasters. They were then presented with their credentials of authority by Mr. Warner.

The Troop proper was then presented with neckerchiefs, made through the courtesy of some of the Scout Mothers, and with neckerchief slides given by Mr. Elliott. As each boy stepped forward, a member of Troop 2, the oldest troop in the city, placed a neckerchief upon the boy from Troop 14, the youngest troop in the city. At this time they were given their membership cards by their Scoutmaster.

A joint campfire was held to show the parents a portion of what happens at a troop meeting. Here both troops participated in the leading and singing of songs.

Donald Morris, representing the boys of Troop 14, then expressed sincere gratitude to the Knights of the Round Table and to the parents who have supported the Troop. The program was then closed by Karl Spitz leading the scoutleader's prayer.

Troop 14 would gladly appreci-

ate the wholehearted support of the parents in all troop functions.

Memphis, Tenn. Com'rcial Appeal
January 31, 1940

Memphis Holds High Position In Boy Scout Work For Negro

Memphis ranks among the 10 cities having the highest number of negroes in Boy Scout work, Stanley A. Harris, national director of Inter-Racial Activities of the Boy Scouts of America, said yesterday. In Memphis to confer with W. Gordon Morris, Chickasaw Council executive, and other officials on developing the local program among negroes, Mr. Harris commended the council on its progress.

Rapid Growth Noted

"Fourteen years ago, no council in the South admitted negroes to Scouting," Mr. Harris said. "Now Scouting has been developed for negro boys in every council throughout the South, and Memphis alone has 900 men and boys in its negro division.

"Our theory is that if you're going to develop the negro intellectually, you must develop his moral and civic consciousness or his increased mentality may be a liability. We feel the practicality of our Scout work has been proven, and are ready to advance our program through churches and schools until every negro boy in Memphis and the TriStates may be a Scout if he desires and if we can find the leadership."

Works With Whites

In addition to his inter-racial work among negroes, Indians, Japanese and Chinese, Mr. Harris' work also covers the white nationality groups, people living in the United States who are foreign born.

"These white nationality groups, in my opinion, are the real danger spots in America," he said. "A recent analysis showed they are responsible for 43 per cent of our Nation's crime, although they constitute only 8 per cent of our population. Our purpose is to develop character and Americanism in the sons of these foreign born, and in the past four years we have made considerable progress." In the Chicago district alone, more than 10,000 of these boys have been recruited into Scouting, he said.

Mr. Harris left last night for his home near Winston-Salem, N. C., before returning to headquarters in New York City.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times
October 26, 1940

The week-old leadership institute for Negroes interested in the Boy Scouts of America closed last night with the presentation of awards and a banquet in the cafeteria at East Fifth street school.

Field Commissioner J. L. Jenkins presented Dr. William B. Davis, division chairman, who presided at the meeting to which seventy-five scoutmasters, den mothers, patrol leaders and friends were invited.

A. J. Taylor, national scout executive for the Negro division, and Bernard Loveman were the main speakers, following the presentation of awards. Each stressed the necessity for conserving the youth of the nation "if we are to progress."

"We must become conscious of the fact that the lad in our midst is the man of tomorrow, and therefore must forget selfish interests in dealing with the youth problem," Taylor said. He left the meeting early to catch a train for Knoxville.

M. L. Brown, local insurance man and superintendent of First Baptist Sunday school, East Eighth street, won "recognition for medium score," "special recognition for winning patrols," and along with Joseph L. Morrow received a Scouters' Key.

Prof. George A. Key, principal of Second District Junior High school, received recognition for completion for requirements for Scouters' Key.

The presentations were made by Ludie David Collins, of the committee on advancement, and member of the division operation committee.

Other members of this committee are Dr. Davis, Ulysses W. Richardson, of the leadership and training committee; Prof. Key, troop organization; Morrow, camp activities; C. H. Norton, finance, and Dr. L. L. Patton, health and safety.

Newport News, Va Press
December 8, 1940

NEGRO SCOUTS TO HOLD MEET

The first annual meeting for the Negro division of the Peninsula council, Boy Scouts of America, will be held in the Phenix school auditorium Wednesday, at 8 p. m.

Negro scouting shows emphasis in the past few years and there are nine Negro troops and one cub pack. Carl M. Hill two years serving as part time field executive, devotes his time to the extension of Negro scouting. At present he is at Cornell university completing the work for his doctor's degree. E. N. Jones is serving in his absence.

The program for the annual meeting follows: Invocation, Rev. J. Metz Rollins; musical number, Negro national anthem; welcome, Dr. W. S. Hart, Negro division commissioner; "Scout Trail to Citizenship," sound picture in technicolor; violin solo; awards to Scouts, E. N. Jones, acting field executive; presentation of certificates of merit, by W. G. Robinson, Scout executive; address—speaker to be announced later—introduced by E. F. Hewins, president of the Peninsula council; music—God Bless America; scoutmasters benediction.

Troops participating will be troop 30, sponsored by Phenix school; troop 32, sponsored by First Baptist church of Williamsburg; troop 33 sponsored by Zion Baptist church of Phoebus; troop 34, sponsored by First Baptist church of Hampton; troop 35, sponsored by Greenbrier school; troop 36, sponsored by Huntington high school; troop 37, sponsored by Queen street Baptist church; troop 38, sponsored by Ebenezer Baptist church; troop 40, sponsored by St. Paul's A. M. E. church of Newport News.

Griffin Ga.
Weekly News
Dec 4, 1940

Colored Citizens Contribute To Boy Scout Fund Drive

Well over 100 colored residents of Griffin and Spalding county have contributed to the annual finance campaign of Flint River Council, Boy Scouts of America. They include:

A. M. Wilkins, Jr., Rossie Conally, C. L. D. Nimmons, A. M. Wilkins, Sr., A. M. Wilkins, Jr., Lena Brown, Marguerite Connally, Oteel Brown, Ison Lyons, Walter Harris, Jim Brown, T. S. Richards, Cal Mangham, Jr., Rev. E. R. Cody, Roscoe Hudson, Della Mae Jenkins, Rossa Molette, Mary Watkins, Arthur Williams, L. S. Molette.

J. C. Hightower, M. E. Graham, J. C. Cody, J. J. Perdue, P. L. Preston, J. W. McDowell, J. D. Nicks, Lewis Engram, Mary Rome, Carrie Walker, C. V. Goldwire, Edward Bynum, G. W. Malsby and wife, Will Nicks, Clarence Ison, Lovett Hood, Van Esby.

Raymond Barrett, Malcolm Scott, James Middlebrooks and wife, Tom Washington, Dr. J. R. Blanton, John Banks, Joel King, A. Gordon Whatley, L. L. Cain, H. J. Connally, Leila A. Adams, Elnora Milner, George Jenkins, Japhus Milner, Albert Middlebrooks, Pete Lovett, Frank Pugh, T. P. Grissom, J. B. Gray.

M. H. Gray, Maria Woods, Mattie Newman, Raymond Head, Edward McLendon, Clifford Goolsby, Meritt Bishop, Ruby Jones Barrow, Mary Parks, M. E. Cook, Jack Talley, A. J. Banks, Moss Ellis, Rossert Taylor, Ray Cody, C. V. Collier, Jr., Calvin Respew, Charlie White, Eddie Caldwell, Hill Blanton.

John Thomas, Paul Clark, Floyd Matthews, Rastus Finch, Clark Watson, Eddie Jakin, Ruben Milner, B. J. Weems, Ed Pleass, Cliff Davis, Amos Milner, See Moore, Hilton Fallings, Albert Beeks, Marvin Wilder, W. J. Weems, Curtiss Miller, Robert Coppage, Zell Brown, Governor Ponder, Louis Nelms, Sam Stokes, Rev. W. J. Johnson, Dr. P. G. Freeman.

Memphis Tenn. Commercial Appeal
December 15, 1940

Solomon Will Speak

Negro Girl and Boy Scouts will hear an Americanism talk by Detective Sergt. Morris Solomon at 3 o'clock today at St. Stephens Baptist Church, Third and Mill. Sergeant Solomon is a National Council Officer of the V. F. W.

Newport News, Va Press
November 30, 1940

NEGRO SCOUTS STAGE RALLY

A district rally for Negro Boy Scouts was held at the Negro community center here last night with about 300, including Scouts and Scout leaders, present. Eight troops out of nine in the area were represented, and a considerable number of Cub Scouts under the leadership of S. L. Whiting of Hampton institute were present.

E. M. Jones, Negro, acting field executive, presided. Other Scout leaders present included W. G. Robinson, Peninsula council executive, and Dr. W. S. Hart, Negro, chairman of the district committee.

Frank M. Dobson, athletic director of the Apprentice school, was the principal speaker. Dobson paid a high tribute to the leadership in the Scout movement here, and also to Scouting itself. He promised his full co-operation in any activity to increase the effectiveness of the program.

Troops represented included two from Newport News, two from Hampton, and one each from Phoebus, Greenbriar, Big Bethel, and Williamsburg.

In competitive events following the business session troop 36 of Huntington high school was the winner, scoring 968 points out of a possible 1,100; troops 30 and 35 tied for second with 900 each, and troop 33 was third with 898.

Newnan, Ga., Herald
December 5, 1940

Colored Boy Scout Troop Answers The National Roll Call

Colored Boy Scout Troop No. 59 answered the National Roll Call recently at the Savannah Street High School, with 13 answering.

Roll Call and Inventory was given by District Chairman Hamilton C. Arnall, of Newnan.

Advancements before the Court of Honor included the following from tenderfoot to Second Class: K. C. Bowens, Robert Horsley, Jake Woods, Willie C. Dallas, Wilbur Clay, Theodore Hunter.

The following advanced from Second Class to First Class: Walker Williams, Carlton Flemmings, Walker Brown, Edward Jordan, J. W. Walton, James Beasley, Harold Dixon.

The Court of Honor was organized by Commissioner Tom Glover last May. The members are as follows: J. W. Sellers, man; J. W. Carten, Sec Dr. W. D. Brown, Dr. M Whorter, Rev. F. Gregg, Heflin, W. A. Edge.

Dr. McWhorter and Dr. Brown are giving medic dental services to the entire All examinations are expec be completed in the near

William D. King is Scout with Stanford Sumlin as ant.

95 ACRE CAMP GIVEN SCOUTS

St. Louis Mo.

Modern Camp In Foothills Donated by David Wohl

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Boy Scouts and their leaders "got together" at their annual banquet held at the Pine Street YMCA Monday evening, December 9. Nearly one hundred scouts cubbers, officers, den-mothers and well wishers assembled in the Boy's Gym at the banquet and to hear discussed "Woman's Role in Scouting", by Miss Lucanna Cooper and the address by John D. Wright, Scout Executive of St. Louis Council, Boy Scouts of America.

In his remarks David P. Wohl, Vice President and Trustee of the St. Louis Council, told of the desire of officials to purchase a camp site for Negro Boy Scouts at the foot of the Ozarks where the boys could get good sunshine, fresh air, both of which are conducive to health and happiness.

Donates Camp

The surprise of the evening came, however, during the address of Mr. John D. Wright, when he informed the guests that a 95 acre tract of land in the foothills of the Ozarks, had been donated by David P. Wohl, who in his modesty had failed to mention it in his discourse. In addition to the land, Mr. Wohl is giving equipment which will make it an up to date camp. The ground already has a log cabin, with fire places, a place for the digging of a well, he will supply kitchen equipment, there is a sanitary latrine, there will be four camp units. There is running water and other things necessary for a real camp site. The place is ready for occupancy and other equipment will be added from time to time.

Urges Women's Aid

Miss Cooper urged women who were interested in the boys in their respective neighborhoods to become "Den Mothers" and supervise the play-activities of these youths, which will include play, hobbies, scouting, and making use of their talents. Such participation, she alluded, would serve to cut down the percentage of juvenile delinquency.

Remarks were made by Harold Ross, Messrs. P. W. Judia, Thomas Collins and Mr. David Wohl. Mr. Collins paid tribute to Mr. Rand, Scout executive, who has increased the number of Boy Scouts in St. Louis from 290 to 656 in the two and one half years he has been an official here.

An award will be given the boy scout who submits a suitable name for the camp, which will be symbolic of the Indian life of that territory.

The annual report was made by W. H. J. Beckett, Chairman, Inter-Racial Division, who also introduced the "official family" of the Boy Scouts. Vocal selections for the occasion were rendered by Thomas Davis (unaccompanied) of the Junior Group of Tom Powell Post No. 77 and Herman Williams, Asst. Scoutmaster, Troop 145.

Dr. H. S. Blackiston was the efficient toastmaster and the benediction was said by Rev. Milton Thompson.

Greenwood S. C. Index Journal
December 8, 1940

Boy Scouts Collect Toys for Negro Children As "Good Turn"

Spreading all over the city yesterday in their "service to others" good turn, the more than 200 Boy Scouts of the city and county collected toys for negro children who otherwise would receive no such gifts at Christmas. These toys were turned over to the young people's Roundtable of the First Presbyterian church, agent this year for the repair and distribution of the toys.

Called into action over WFBC of Greenville, the scouts after listening in at 8:30 Saturday morning, assembled at the City Hall where they were assigned the collection task by Chairman Gresham of the Greenwood district. The mobilization was the first test of scout action under the nation-wide program of action now being operated by the Boy Scouts of America. The definite duty assigned was kept secret until the scouts reached the City Hall yesterday morning, at which time the scoutmasters and the scouts were complimented in highest terms for their answer to the call of service. A full report will be made on the results of the good turn at the annual meeting of scouters at the social rooms of the First Presbyterian church Tuesday at 7 o'clock when the annual banquet will be served.

More than 100 invitations to leading men of the city, interested in scouting, have been issued by Chairman Gresham to the banquet next Tuesday. A 50-cent turkey supper will be served, reports will be made on the toy collection of Saturday, officers for the new year will be elected and the budget adopted.

Yesterday's call over WFBC was issued by Assistant Executives Robert Black and Ernest Pittman in the enforced absence of Executive C. B. Gorman, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis and is now convalescing. All of the troops in the Blue Ridge council, comprising 10 districts in eight counties, took part in the good turn Saturdaya, according to a statement by the council president, Dr. Roswell Long.

FIRST HONORS GIVEN TO NEGRO BOY SCOUT UNIT

Chicago Indiana
Chicago Ill.

Is Only Group of Race to Achieve Rank.

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First honors recently were conferred on members of the Tuscarora Explorer patrol of Boy Scout Troop 535, sponsored by St. Edmund's Episcopal church, 5831 Indiana avenue. The unit is said to be the first Negro troop in the nation to win this achievement, which is given for passing certain tests in the Explorer division of the advanced scouting program.

Members of the patrol are Charles Henderson, leader; Bernard Withers, mate; William Page, first yeoman; Arthur Greene, second yeoman; Audley Connor, program chairman; Fieldren Whitehead, service chairman; Clarence Lester, social chairman; Bill Blackburn, advancement; Wilbur Carlisle, ceremony; Julian Johnson, history; Lee Johnson, Indian costume, and William Jones, camping.

Must Be First Class.

Members of an Explorer patrol must be first class Scouts and over 15 years old. Activities in the Explorer division usually require extended hiking trips. New members of the patrol are James Bundle, John Murchison, Garrett Brice, Albert Riggs, Harold Wyatt, and Earl Green.

The last group of South Shore district Scouts to be promoted was headed by Howard Haas, 7401 Crandon avenue, who received the Gold Palm for additional merit badges over the required 21 for Eagle rank. New Life Scouts are Charles Krause, Arthur Rubenstein, Charles Rysdon, and Norbert Glowacki.

New Star Scouts.

New Star Scouts on the South Shore are William Liezerman, William Franklin, Werner Neuman, Dean Cohler, Charles Ullman, Mike Schassburger, Robert Rieke, Christ Bacos, Allen Freeman, Robert Gaerrard, John Reinertson, Harry Simons, Kenneth Payton, Arthur Hayes, Wesley Barnes, Bill Thompson, Orrin Squires, Elmer Mortenson, and William Schwab.

MAYOR-ELECT TO ADDRESS NEGRO BOY SCOUTS HERE

Negro Editor News
Houston Texas

DEC 7 1940

Mayor-elect C. A. Neal Pickett will be guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Negro division of the Boy Scout of America, Thursday, December 12, at the Washington High School according to announcement by Lewis Watts, Scout director Negro division Southwest district.

The mayor-elect will present the Eagle Award to Howard Reed, the first Negro Eagle Scout in the Houston area.

Following the address and presentation of Mr. Pickett reports will be made by various committee chairmen of the Jim Robinson District after which officers for the 1941 term will be elected.

The meeting will start promptly at 8 o'clock and after the program will take on the aspect of a Potluck dinner. Each persons present is requested to bring his own food. Coffee and doughnuts will be furnished

Top Honors Given Negro Boy Scouts

Daily World

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Orlando, Fla., Morning Sentinel
June 8, 1940

215 Negro Boy Scouts Hold Camporal Here

Approximately 215 negro youths from the Central Florida region as well as from the larger cities in the State gathered in Orlando yesterday for a Boy Scout Negro Camporal under the direction of the Boy Scouts of America.

The camporal will continue until Sunday noon, Harold Pace, Scout executive here announced. Last night a campfire council of honor was held with James N. Burden, chairman of the Orange District Court of Honor, presiding.

Louis W. Felter, Scout Commissioner presented the merit badges, Burden second class badges and Donald A. Cheney presented the star rank. Stanley A. Harris, national director of inter-racial activities was present, assisted by A. J. Taylor, negro member of the national staff who had charge of the camporal.

Today the camporal will have a scouting trail, two hours this morning and again two hours this afternoon. Tonight G. W. Bowstead of Pine Castle will present a movie titled the "Young Eagle," for the camporal. Miller Radio Company, the Wilcox Refrigerator Company and the city cooperated in donating services to the camporal.

Lakeland, Fla., Ledger & Star Tele
May 26, 1940

Colored Scouts To Collect Cans In Cleanup Here

A cleanup campaign will be launched Tuesday by Colored Boy Scout troops 69 and 70, headed by Paul A. Diggs and Q. J. Adderly, scoutmasters, it was announced yesterday.

The campaign is being sponsored by the colored clubs of the city and the Eatonite magazine, with prizes being offered by merchants to the boys who collect the greatest number of cans.

It is the first in a series of beautification and health movements sponsored by colored clubs. The drive to collect tin cans will last one week and will be followed by a campaign to beautify lawns and clean up vacant lots.

City Commissioner E. E. Kelley, Jr., encouraged the program and stated the cleanup should be considered a personal matter.

The cans collected by the boys will be dumped in a big pile at the scout camp on Fifth street as a monument to the cleanup drive.

Members of the committee from the clubs expressed their appreciation for the cooperation of City Manager C. F. Carleton, Manager R. L. Park of the chamber of commerce, Miss Elberta Marshall of the city health department and Miss Elizabeth Darby of the city welfare department.

Lakeland, Fla., Ledger & Star Tele
May 30, 1940

NEGRO SCOUTS' CAN "MONUMENT" GROWS

The "monument" of cans on the corner of Fifth street and Florida avenue continued to grow as members of the city's two negro Boy Scout troops moved ahead in the "cleanup cans" program. Rev. Paul Diggs, who is aiding in the drive, said the scouts had collected 5,000 cans the first day—Tuesday—with one boy, Frank Graham, collecting 1,040 of the number.

Rev. Diggs said 10 prizes would be offered individuals in the week-long campaign and that a grand prize would go to the person giving the nearest estimate to the number of cans in the monument. The scouts offered their services in beautifying the negro cemetery on Monday, Rev. Diggs said.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times
June 21, 1940

NEGRO SCOUTS OBTAIN QUARTER OF $550 GOAL

Negro Boy Scouts and auxiliaries have reached the first quarter mark in the drive for $550 to finance this year's camp for the troops and cubs of the Chattanooga area.

J. L. Morrow, H. Haley and Ulysses Richardson, leaders in the movement, announced yesterday that "responses from the general public have been gratifying, but there is need for more workers and funds if the goal is to be reached by the time for encampment next month."

Previously, encampments have been held at W. B. Davis camp, on Chickamauga creek, but this year the camp site will be on Washington lake, across from Washington park, being made into a recreation site for Negroes on Chickamauga lake.

Gastonia, N. C. Gazette
June 12, 1940

SCOUT CAMP FOR NEGROES OPENS

J. W. Atkins Principal Speaker At Formal Opening Of Camp James For Summer Season.

During the official opening program of Camp James for Negro Scouts near the campus of Lincoln Academy, J. W. Atkins of The Gastonia Daily Gazette, chairman of the interracial committee of the Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America, made a glowing report of the opportunities offered boys in the Scouting program. He said that in 1939 the largest growth in interracial Scouting of all previous years had been experienced. He told the large audience of interested listeners that there had been no difficulty in securing boys for the program but that the difficulty had rested with the adults. Although this program had served more than nine million boys during the 31 years of the existence of Scouting, Mr. Atkins stated that we have just begun to scratch the surface.

In speaking of the progress that other districts have made he told of permanent camps, full time workers all paid by Negroes. The program he said had made many forward steps.

The camp at Lincoln Academy has been a tremendous asset to the boys during the past two years, he stated, but if the boys are to have a permanent camp, the people will have to make an effort in that direction.

Mr. Atkins introduced F. A. Whitesides, who told of a friend that would be interested in contacting a philanthropic person who would be willing to aid toward a permanent camp providing the people would show interest by making an initial donation. He said that if the people would support interracial scouting not only during the camp season but throughout the year the leaders would have a platform on which to solicit funds for the camp, and the Scouting program.

Dr. H. C. McDowell, who has stimulated the work and has given his talent for Negro youth, stimulated interest by stating that people who do work not within the range of their immediate jobs and without remuneration become immortalized as they may in no other way. In introducing Mr. Atkins he said that he had worked faithfully through the years to promote the Scouting program and other worthy causes without pay and oftimes at a danger of over exerting himself. He told how he had inspired people in Scouting, library, church, and in all activities for the improvement of mankind.

Dr. McDowell pledged the support of Lincoln Academy and offered its facilities for the Scouts' entertainment.

Nathaniel Barber presided, and made an introductory talk explaining the work for the summer. He had worked during the week to prepare the camp site and to arrange for the first troop—Troop 10, Shelby. He introduced Rev. G. H. Hairston, pastor of St. Stephens' church, who gave the invocation, and Miss Elizabeth Logan who led the audience in singing "America" and "Steal Away."

Because of a storm, W. E. Bess, camp director, was unable to make a talk concerning his program for the summer. He plans to entertain the boys and to make a tremendous success of the work.

Citizens throughout the district were benefited by the program and by the visit to the camp site. Many distinguished guests from Gastonia, Belmont Abbey College and other points enjoyed the occasion.

Memphis, Tenn., Com'rcial Appeal
June 22, 1940

SCOUT CAMP IS PLANNED

30 Negro Boy Scouts Signed For First Week At Park

Thirty boys have been signed for the first week at Camp Daniels, negro Boy Scout camp in Douglass Park, J. A. Beauchamp, field executive for the Seminole Division of the Chickasaw Council, said yesterlay. Camp opens Sunday.

Four one-week periods will be held at the camp, which has a capacity of 50 boys. The cost per boy per week is $3. About 10 of the 30 signed for the first week are underprivileged Scouts whose way has been paid by civic-minded persons.

Anniston, Ala. Star
December 22, 1940

Scouters Reelect

THOMAS G. COLEMAN

COLEMAN REELECTED AS SCOUT CHAIRMAN

Will Represent Anniston Scouts In Council

Thomas G. Coleman goes back into office as district chairman of the Choccolocco Council, Boy Scouts of America, following his reelection at a district committee meeting of scouters here Friday night.

Frank Kirby was elected vice-district chairman and E. C. Knowlton, treasurer. Members of the nominating committee were E. L. Turner, Dr. C. Hal Cleveland and Ray Wheeler.

Committee chairman and members of various committees will be appointed by the newly elected officers in the near future, according to Mr. Coleman.

Other commitee chairmen making reports were Dr. Rogers McCullough, district commissioner; Dr. Melton Clark, inter-racial committee; F. G. Gooding, Finance; and Dr. C. Hal Cleveland, Court of Honor.

Dr. McCullough reported that a Roll Call was being made in each troop of the Choccolocco Council and that this is a part of the national emergency program of the boy Scouts of America as will be the mobilization which is planned for the last part of this month.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., News
July 4, 1940

Scout Leader Course Planned

Three Sections To Be Offered For Negroes At Stillman Friday

The Black Warrior Council Leadership Training Committee announces that a training course for negro Boy Scout leaders will be held at Stillman Institute Friday through Sunday, July 5-7. Stanley A. Harris, national director of Inter-Racial Activities of the Boy Scouts of America, will conduct the course. He will be assisted by the staff of the Black Warrior Council.

Three courses will be offered as follows: 1. Elements of Scout Leadership for new men in Scouting whether or not they are officially connected with the Scouting Program. 2. How to Organize and Run a Boy Scout Troop for Organization and Extension Chairmen and Commissioners. 3. Troop Programming for Scoutmasters who have had experience. A special feature of the course will be the showing of some moving pictures of Scout Activities which will take place at 8:30 p. m. Friday night. The general public is invited to see this film.

Scout leaders of the Black Warrior Council will be happy to know that we are to have Mr. Harris with us for this course. Mr. Harris has been identified with the Scouting movement since 1908, two years before the Boy Scouts of America was organized, having been Scoutmaster of a troop under the aegis of the British Scout Authority. Upon the organization of Scouting in the United States in 1910 he was granted a commission by the Boy Scouts of America. In 1912 Mr. Harris was commissioned as a special field Scout executive for the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

He served in this capacity until 1917 when he became national field commissioner. He was later Scout executive at Washington, D. C., and national field executive in 14 states of the South and Southwest. In 1922 he became assistant national field director and in 1926 national director of inter-racial activities in which capacity he continued to serve to the present time.

Out-of-town people attending this course will be given meals and lodging at Stillman Institute at a cost of $2.25 for the three days. An additional charge of 25 cents will be made for literature for all those who register for the course. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Boy Scout office, Telephone 317-J.

Boy Scout Opens Bag Of Tricks; Nabs Pet Canary

By LEE F. RODGERS

PORTSMOUTH, Va.—Boy Scout Warren A. Sanford of this city learned his scout lessons well. So well, in fact, that he was able, the other day, to lure a fugitive canary bird back into its cage.

Warren heard that a school teacher's classroom pet had escaped its cage and had taken wing into the wide open spaces. The school children thought it fun to try to get the brightly-colored little creature back into captivity. But the canary, perched up on a high limb on a tree near the school, eyed the proceedings below with disdain.

And so Warren the Boy Scout showed up and immediately took over. He sent everybody away from the immediate vicinity of the tree, and he himself took up a position of vantage in nearby shrubbery. He had thoughtfully brought along a net.

Unused to its new-found freedom, the canary sought to adjust itself to the strange surroundings, and while it was trying to make up its mind as to what to do next it was attracted by birdlike notes from below

Boy Scout Warren was busy behind the shrubbery imitating a bird and he must have sounded right genuine, because the alert canary cocked its head one side and then the other, and took wing.

The feathery creature alighted just a few feet from the place from which the bird calls came, and Warren brought the net into play. The little yellow bird was back in captivity, whether happier or sadder.

Boy Scout Warren Sanford had done his "good turn" for the day.

Anniston, Ala., Star,
July 21, 1940

Negro Scouters End Instruction

An introductory course in Scouting for colored people was completed Friday night at the First Congregational Church with all colored troops in the city represented except one. Average attendance for the four nights was twelve.

Leaders for the course were C. M. Mitchell, C. E. Hanna, Dr. G. A. Rodgers and Dr. J. C. White.

Roanoke, Va., World News
July 24, 1940

Negro Boy Scout Camp Is Opened

Camp Mohawk, for colored boy scouts of the Roanoke Council area opened today under the direction of J. Luvelle Taylor, scoutmaster of troop No. 2. A. J. Taylor, colored, assistant national director of the interracial activities of the Boy Scouts, is visiting the camp on an inspection trip. There are colored troops located in Roanoke, Salem, Bassett and Martinsville, and scouts from all of these troops may attend Camp Mohawk, which is located a mile and a half south of Elliston.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times
December 12, 1940

Colored Scouts Inspected

The national roll call and inventory for the colored Boy Scouts began in troops of the Chattanooga area last night, with officials of the division inspecting Troops 97 and 86.

Prof. J. L. Jenkins, scout commissioner in charge of the colored boys, reported that his committee found these troops 75 per cent. present and in good standing. Troops 95 and 128 will be visited next, he stated.

Concord, N. C. Tribune
October 13, 1940

NEGRO BOY SCOUT WORK GOING FORWARD RAPIDLY IN CONCORD

Two New Troops Organized and Others Planned For Near Future.

With two Negro Troops organized and registered and two more being organized, the Boy Scout work among the Negro people in Concord is making rapid progress. All the Scouts met with their leader for a discussion of the Emergency Service plan developed by Scouting throughout America, last Monday night, with a good crowd attending and giving their hearty support to the development of Safety Units and mobilization organization among the Negro Scouts in this city.

Professor E. L. James is cooperating splendidly by having the teachers of the Logan School work with Scouting and he is also on the board which makes plans for the Scout Troops throughout the year.

It is the hope of leaders that the Negro people of the community will back Scouting and the school by cooperating in sending their children to school and urging them to join the Scout Troops which are being organized.

New Troops will be organized at the First Baptist Church, The Price Memorial Church and in the Silverdale School. Any boys wishing to join a Troop are requested to get in touch with either the Pastor or Officials of either church or the principal of the school concerning the time and place the Scouts will meet during the week.

Rev. Harding Hughes has been made Inter-Racial Chairman on the Executive Board of the Cabarrus District and will have charge of working with the Negro people in the organization of Scouting and developing of this program all over Concord.

J. W. Plunkett has made a number of contacts with people and has been to several of the schools urging boys to join up and become Scouts so they may develop in leadership training, character building and citizenship.

The Steering committee for Negro Scouts will meet the last week in this month, the exact date to be announced later.

St. Petersburg, Fla. Independent
December 5, 1940

Negro Scouts Plan Annual Banquet

St. Petersburg negro Boy Scouts will hold their annual banquet tonight at 8:30 o'clock at the McCabe Methodist (negro) church.

Principal speakers will be Shirley Curtis, principal of the Pinellas High school, Clearwater, and Bart E. Bryan, president of the Pinellas Scout council. Others who will speak will be Todd Lunsford and George Hamer, Pinellas Scout executive.

Some 200 Scouters and their friends are expected to attend the banquet.

Greenwood, S. C. Index-Journal
December 15, 1940

Toys Limited

A look-see at the mass of toys collected by the Boy Scouts and others for needy negro children reveals more than a thousand crippled toys,—dolls, autos, baby carriages, wheeled playthings, chairs, beds and whatnots. These toys are limited in their power to give happiness until the boys and girls can repair them; limited to the very poor children; limited to the ability and willingness of the young people to distribute them. But the way the little children have responded to the call, assisted by mothers and daddies; and the way the big children have responded to the repair call is a sign of a different kind of Christmas spirit. There's room for more boys and girls on the repair job.

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Concord. N. C. Tribune
July 1, 1940

TELLS STORY OF GROWTH OF COLORED SCOUTS IN CONCORD

Organization Is Effected And Work Is Underway On Negro Scout Camp.

The short story of the Boy Scouts of America's movement in our community for the Negro boys goes back to the early part of April when a group of citizens met at the American Legion hall for the purpose of promoting the Scout organization for the Negro boys. This meeting was a response to an appeal that had been made by a few men who were interested in the organization among the boys of our race. In response to the request that the leading institutions be represented at such a meeting representatives from the Central N. C. Council, the District Council, the American Legion, churches of the community, the civic clubs and the schools came and started to work at once to make the program of Scouting a success. During the meeting S. C. Boger was made the chairman of a committee to bring in plans for organization.

At the next meeting the report was read and approved. One of the outstanding features of the report was that a course of training be offered to those who desired to become leaders. The following week a very large class met H. P. Caton, Jr., at the Legion hall for the training course. At each meeting of the class a large group was present. After having been drilled in the fundamentals of scouting under their instructor, Mr. Caton, a program was planned for the closing of the course. J. J. Barnhardt was the speaker of the evening. The favorable impression that he gave his listeners and the impression that his listeners gave him was mutual. E. F. White expressed his sincere desire to aid the program because he thought that it would pay great dividends to our community by building better citizens. The big moment of the evening came to everyone when Mr. Kestler announced that a camp site had been obtained for the Negro Scouts. Nineteen men received certificates for completing the Scout training course. The dinner that was served in the home economics room at Logan high school was enjoyed by everyone.

During the week-end following the closing of the training course, the committee met to make plans for troop organization. It was informed that Westminster Presbyterian, Price Memorial, First Baptist and Zion Hill churches were ready to sponsor troops and that some of the other churches would be ready later. Since that time these four churches have been busy organizing their troops and some of them have applied for their charters.

Last week a district council was formed for our Scout troops. The officers are S. C. Boger, chairman; R. Kiser, vice chairman; A. D. Mendenhall, camping man; M. C. Boger, finance man; E. L. James, advanceman; and J. E. Boger, commissioner. Rev. H. Wilson, Rev. J. Yeverton and J. W. Plunket are on the committee; other names will be added later.

The outlook for the future of scouting looks promising. The troop committees and Scout leaders are making rapid progress with their troops. Each troop meets twice a week and the Scout rolls continue to increase. The boys seem to get a thrill out of their attempts to meet the tenderfoot requirements. Some of them are ready for the second-class work and they are looking forward to play the game of scouting like all good Scouts are playing.

We wish to announce that the first charter for Negro Scouts in the city of Concord was presented to troop No. 8, sponsored by Zion Hill Methodist church, on Sunday evening, June 30, at 7 o'clock. The charter night is dedicated to the youth of our community. George Thomason awarded the troop's charter and H. P. Caton awarded the tenderfoot badges.

Plans are underway to work on the camp and the work is expected to be completed soon.

J. E. BOGER.

BOYS' MEETING

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times
August 11, 1940

BOY SCOUTS BUILD HOUSE IN TREE

—Times Staff Photo.

These eight Boy Scouts at Camp Davis, under direction of Joe White, Howard High school senior (front, seated), have constructed a "pioneer's house" in a tree on the grounds at the camp on Silverdale road at Chickamauga creek. To White's left is a miniature airplane which he built and which remained in the air five minutes on trial flight. Holding a totem pole carved by White, is Arthur Jones, Jr., and to his left are Wesley McClendon, Frank Ware, Jr., and David Pinkard; back row (left to right), James Fife, Willie Bonner, John Dozier and Jimmie Connally.

88 NEGRO SCOUTS ATTENDING CAMP

Group for Chattanooga and Other Towns Enters Third Week at Encampment

Eighty-eight colored Boy Scouts and leaders are entering their third week of encampment at Camp W. B. Davis, on the shores of Chickamauga creek, on Silverdale road.

Included in the group are members from South Pittsburg, Memphis, Summit and surrounding towns identified with the Chattanooga division. The entire camp has been organized as a unit under the direction of H. J. Hailey as master and J. H. Jenkins and Orville Sparkman as assistants.

Ten tents house the boys by night. Ten patrols have been organized. This is the third year of encampment at Camp Davis, and the thirteenth encampment since the organization of the contingent in the office of Dr. W. B. Davis, chairman, in 1927.

A special feature of the camp this year will be a "trail blazers' camp," organized by Joe White, Howard High school senior, who has recently returned from Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Since his return, he has organized and qualified a troop at St. Elmo Baptist church, and has organized an aviation club in Churchville among neighborhood boys. White gained prominence last year for his miniature airplane entry in the Detroit tournament, in which he won first prize in the finals.

His "trail blazers' camp," which starts this week, will be composed of boys who have nothing but regulation scout equipment.

A special invitation was extended to the public to attend the scout program today at 4 p.m. and scouts desiring to register for the last week of activities are asked to do so immediately at headquarters, 124½ East Ninth street.

Birmingham, Ala. News
August 6, 1940

Negro Boys Club Wins 'Gardenia Of The Week'

The Birmingham Negro Boys Club has been awarded the "National Gardenia of the Week" on recommendations gathered by the Service Boosters Corporation of Detroit and judged by Hollywood Actor Frankie Darro, according to A. D. Porter, superintendent of the club.

The awards are floral tributes presented to individuals, firms and organizations throughout the United States in recognition of outstanding service. Darro makes the final weekly selections, and the flowers are offered by florists in the city of the award.

Dr. H. C. Bryant, vice president of the Negro Boys Club, received notice of the award from Darro in a letter which said, "My choice has been determined by the fact that the Negro Boys Club arranges annually to be hosts to a group of deserving boys at Camp Margaret Murry Washington. In realizing the values of supervised camp life for the underprivileged and undernourished, the members of your club have recognized the needs of others and have shown their splendid service spirit."

McKinstry's Flowers, Inc., of Birmingham, presented the gardenia.

Nashville, Tenn. Banner
July 31, 1940

County Youth Group To Meet

The regular meeting of the Davidson County Youth Council will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the YMCA, it was announced today. Mrs. Edmonia Grant, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will speak.

West Palm Beach, Fla. Times
July 25, 1940

Negro Boy Scouts To Attend Rally

Negro Boy Scout troops from Azucur, Boynton, Delray and West Palm Beach are expected to be present at a rally on Aug. 8 at Roosevelt Park, according to George Freeman, Gulf Stream Council executive. The park is opposite Dunbar Village, negro re-housing project.

Applications to attend Camp Loxahatchee, negro Boy Scout camp which will open on Aug. 11 for a two week session, will be taken at the field by Dr. J. H. Terrell. The camp, operating for the third consecutive year, is open to all registered negro Scouts in good standing.

The camp site is on the south bank of the Loxahatchee River in Jupiter. The camp committee is composed of Dr. W. Mitchell, Dr. J. H. Terrell, Dr. J. H. Dyer, Carl Roberts and W. H. Collie.

Negro Boys Club Wins 'Gardenia Of The Week'

The Birmingham Negro Boys Club has been awarded the "National Gardenia of the Week" recommendations gathered by the Service Boosters Corporation of Detroit and judged by Hollywood Actor Frankie Darro, according to A. D. Porter, superintendent of the club.

The awards are floral tributes presented to individuals, firms and organizations throughout the United States in recognition of outstanding service. Darro makes the final weekly selections, and the flowers are offered by florists in the city of the award.

Dr. H. C. Bryant, vice president of the Negro Boys Club, received notice of the award from Darro in a letter which said, "My choice has been determined by the fact that the Negro Boys Club arranges annually to be hosts to a group of deserving boys at Camp Margaret Murry Washington. In realizing the values of supervised camp life for the underprivileged and undernourished, the members of your club have recognized the needs of others and have shown their splendid service spirit."

McKinstry's Flowers, Inc., of Birmingham, presented the gardenia.

Memphis, Tenn., Commercial Appeal
July 4, 1940

Negro Boy Scouts Plan Celebration

The Seminole Division, Boy Scouts of America, negro division of Chickasaw Council, will give a patriotic program tonight at 8:30 o'clock at Camp Daniels in Douglass Park on Holmes Avenue. The program will include a speaker and appropriate music, followed by a fireworks display. J. A. Beauchamp, director of Inter-racial Scouting, is in charge, with Dr. J. E. Walker, division chairman, presiding. Thirty-one boys, including 10 underprivileged boys sent by The Commercial Appeal, are now attending the camp, which is in its second week.

Y.M.C.A. Birthplace In London Still Stands Undamaged By Bombs

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LONDON—(AP)—Close by shell-scarred St. Paul's Cathedral stands undamaged the birthplace of the Y. M. C. A., still furnished with relics of the earliest days of the organization.

It has stood thus for the 96 years since George Williams started what became an international world fellowship with 2,000,000 members in 57 countries.

Friday, Founders Day, British representatives sent the 1,200 units of the brotherhood in the United States a message of "congratulations on great international services and on your deep investment in life and youth in the United States."

"The Christian faith on which the association was founded is the only hope of world fellowship based on righteousness, truth and freedom, leading to peace," the message said.

"Our common task remains and units us in heart and purpose. We look to the future in confidence that this brotherhood will yet again be united in its world crusade to win youth in these ideals. We deeply appreciate the spontaneous help of our American friends."

Chattanooga, Tenn. Daily Times
October 22, 1940

EXECUTIVE ADDRESSES NEGRO SCOUT LEADERS

Thirty-five scoutmasters and leaders in the colored work of the Chattanooga area were present last night at East Fifth Street school for a lecture on the "Rudiments of Scouting," by A. J. Taylor, national scout executive for Negro work and representative of the organization's interracial committee.

The lecture was part of the course being offered by the local scout organization to volunteer leaders under Prof. J. L. Jenkins, field commissioner, and principal of East Fifth Street school.

The course is open to the public interested in scoutdom, and will continue each night throughout the week at East Fifth Street school, with special conferences at scout headquarters at 124½ East Ninth street.

Columbia, S. C. State
November 26, 1940

Plan Negro Scout Troops

A group composed of public school men and a representative number of patrons of the city schools, met last night with A. J. Taylor, assistant to the national director of interracial service, at Waverley school. The purpose of the meeting was to get instructions and perfect plans for the organization of Boy Scout troops in the various public schools of Columbia.

For the past three weeks a number of men teachers, representing Saxon, Waverley, Booker Washington Heights, Howard and Carver schools, have assembled at the Waverley elementary school to receive instruction relative to the organization of troops in these schools.

In these preliminary meetings, a former scoutmaster with wide experience in scouting, has discussed steps for organization.

Last night the duties and importance of the committeemen to any troop were stressed. It was pointed out that the success of a troop depended largely upon the ability of the scoutmaster, but the scoutmaster's success depended equally as much upon the co-operation he received from his committeemen. After a period of questions and discussions the men were served refreshments.

Atlanta, Ga. Constitution
November 9, 1940

Church Women To Assist Club

Atlanta Council of Church Women met yesterday at St. Luke's Episcopal church and chose the Negro Boys' Club of the Law and Order League as the project to assist for the coming year. The club is located at 277 Auburn avenue, and was chosen by the council on the recommendation of the Interdenominational School of Missions.

Dr. Louie Newton, Judge Garland Watkins, Morgan Blake and S. J. Thompson, who is in charge of the club, will serve as a co-operative committee for the council. Mr. Blake was guest speaker at the meeting.

Mrs. R. L. Turman, chairman of the committee on legislation, recommended that the council call on the next session of the legislature to pass a bill for the appropriation of funds for the maintenance of a training school for delinquent Negro girls. The council appointed a committee to study the project.

Concord, N. C. Tribune
November 7, 1940

NEGRO BOY SCOUT TROOPS OF CITY ENJOYED "WHOOPEREE"

Was Held in Logan Gymnasium With Lion Patrol Winning First Place

Boys from four Negro Boy Scout Troops in Concord took part in their first Scout Activity since organization in May, 1940, with the "Whooperee" conducted in the Logan gymnasium with more than fifty Boy Scouts taking part.

Contests in Compass, First Aid, Signaling and many fun events were enjoyed by every boy present. First place was won by the Lion Patrol, Troop 16 with R. S. Caldwell as Scoutmaster. This troop is sponsored by the Westminister Presbyterian church. Second place was won by the Tiger Patrol, Troop 8, third place by the Owl Patrol, Troop 8 with Scoutmaster C. R. Johnson. This troop is sponsored by the Zion Hill Methodist church.

Judges for the event were the Scoutmasters and Assistants of the troops with the help of S. C. Boger.

Prof. J. E. Boger, Commissioner, acted as director of the events.

The Lion Patrol of Troop 16 will be given Community strips as first prize.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Free Press
October 23, 1940

Colored Y.W.C.A. Holds Discussion on Draft

The home-relations group of the Phyllis Wheatley Y. W. C. A. discussed "The Effect of the Compulsory Military Service Program Upon the Home," at a meeting Tuesday. Possible adjustments to the situation were analyzed. There prevailed among the group an attitude of optimism in meeting the crisis which may or may not come to some of the homes. The group came to the conclusion that definite intelligent planning was the answer to this problem.

The program for the year is being arranged. The subject for each week's discussion will be available at an early date. All who are interested are cordially invited to attend these meetings at the "Y" each Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Scout Executive Presents Earl Thames Highest Award

Scout Earl Thames of Troop 203 being presented the Eagle Award—the highest award in Scouting at the troop court of honor at All Saints Church. Only seven scouts have received this award in the interracial division.

Reading from left to right: Edgar D. Hegamin, Scoutmaster; Earl Thames, W. E. Randi, Field Executive; P. W. Judah, Commissioner, making the award.

Reidsville, N. C. Review
February 19, 1940

Boy Scouts News

The parents of troop 512 met at the Southeast House, Wednesday night and organized a Parents' Club to aid the scoutmaster. The club will meet the first Tuesday in each month at the Southeast House at 8:30 p.m.

The following officers were elected: president, Mr. Peters; vice-president, Mrs. Foreman; secretary, Mrs. Carpenter; treasurer, Mrs. Dunmore; chaplain, Mr. Dunmore; sergeant-at-arms, Mr. Butler.

Under the leadership of S. M. Tyler and J. O. Williams, eight scouts went on a short hike, Saturday, and ended at the National Museum, where the Settlement Houses were conducting a program.

Cubmaster James A. Scott will soon be able to return.

Troop 508 went on a hike to Rock Creek Park, February 22 under the leadership of their Scoutmaster, Norman Duncan, Sr. With the approach of good weather more of these hikes will be held by 508 under other leaders.

All members of the Pioneer Patrol are requested t o meet at 234 G Street, Northeast, Saturday, March 2, at 12 noon. Please wear uniforms as a short hike will be held, weather permitting.

Any boy who attends Lincoln Congregational Church and is interested in becoming a cub scout will please give name and address to Scoutmaster Cook or a scout at once.

The First Aid Course is in progress at Armstrong High School. Anyone interested may join. The class meets Wednesday nights at 8 to 10, Miss Webster is instructor.

Troop 508 won honorable mention in the city-wide contest during Boy Scout Week with fifty other windows in competition. Troop 508 had three windows in different sections of the city.

The Cubs of Pack 508 are requested to report to Lincoln Congregational Church, Eleventh and R Streets, Northwest Saturday morning.

The patrol leader of the Pioneer Patrol, William Roseboro passed the Star Scout test last Friday. He is a member of Troop 508.

Troop 501, of the Lincoln Congregational Temple, during Boy Scout Week exhibited its handi work in a window at Reid's corner.

The senior patrol leader, Wilbert Johnson, is assisting the instructors of the center. He introduced new students to the various classes and acquainted them with the work. J. William Cook is scoutmaster.

The meetings are held each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. As outdoor spring activities are now being planned, 12-year-old boys who are not scouts are invited to join.

Colored Scout Troop Installed

Troop 56 of the First Christian Church of Reidsville (colored) was installed at the close of morning services Sunday. The ceremony was conducted by District Chairman H. E. Frye, Scout Executive A. P. Patterson and District Commissioner S. E. Duncan. Chief of Police J. M. Gold was present and spoke briefly.

A charter was presented to M. L. Lambert as pastor of the church and as chairman of the troop committee. Membership cards were presented to the following troop committeemen: M. L. Lambert, chairman, Dossie E. Womble, James Stockton, George Stockton, M. C. Jones, J. W. Mullins and to Scoutmaster John A. Smith. Badges were pinned on the troop leaders by S. E. Duncan. The following boys were presented with their membership cards by District Chairman H. E. Frye: Ernest Austin, Morris Austin, Halforis Courts, Alvis Daniels, Harold Johnson, Charlie Harirs, Morris Jones. Henry Lester, John Henry Palmer, Garrett Penn, Edward McDaniels, Hike McDaniels and Scoville Walker.

Mr. Frye spoke enthusiastically of the fine start the new troop had made and expressed confidence in the fine leadership and future of the troop.

Boy Scouts Mourn Editor's Death

POTTS CAMP, Miss., March 8.—The following condolence expresses the feelings of Boy Scouts of America, Troop No. 32:

"We, the Boy Scouts, organized May 1, 1927, by Mrs. Estelle Williams, wish to express our sympathy to the family and staff of the Chicago Defender on the death of our fallen chief.

"We looked to him as a 'Moses' of our race. We have draped his picture, which we honor and cherish.

"We have never met Mr. Abbott but Mrs. Williams kept us informed of his activities. Even when the paper was forbidden to be sold here Mrs. Williams forwarded our copy. We deeply feel the loss of Mr. Abbott."

Boys' Club Gives $100

Carrying on as in years past, the young people who make up the Wissahickon Boys Club presented their annual check for $100 to the United Charities Campaign last Tuesday—the result of their putting their nickels and dimes together to help the organization which helps them all year. Camping, swimming, trades classes, games and other youth activities are on the program of the club, a member agency of the United Charities Campaign. Callan England, left, chairman of the Germantown division, is shown receiving the check from Elwood (the shorter) and Andrew Nix. W. T. Coleman, executive director of the Wissahickon Boys Club, is chairman of the Germantown Division.

Charleston S C Evening Post
March 15, 1940

Camp Drive Week For Negro Scouts

"Camp drive week", which will be observed by Charleston's negro community for the assistance of colored Boy Scout work here, will be inaugurated with an elaborate program at the Zion Presbyterian church, on Calhoun street, Sunday, starting at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Fred J. Attaway, newly elected Scout commissioner, will address the gathering. A. J. Taylor, of the national inter-racial committee, will speak, and special music will be rendered by the church choir and students of Avery Institute and Burke.

The program will open with the singing of America, after which the invocation will be given by Rev. S. H. Scott, and scripture reading will be by Rev. J. F. Henderson.

A musical program by the students of Burke Industrial school will be followed by remarks by Dr. H. U. Seabrook, and an address entitled "The Boy" by Rev. L. A. Baskervill.

Prof. F. A. DeCosta will speak on "The Boy and His Relation to the Community", and the Rev. R. E. Brogden on "The Boy and his Relation to the Church."

Mr. Attaway's address will be followed by remarks by Taylor and the benediction by Rev. Scott.

The purpose of the drive will be to raise funds for the purchase of a colored Boy Scout camp in a negro community in the vicinity of Charleston. The committee in charge of Sunday's program is composed of Rev. Baskervill, Rev. Henderson John H. Green, Arthur J. Howard Dr. Seabrook, Rev. Scott, John H. Gadsden, Prof. DeCosta, Prof. F. Jackson and Edward Simmons.

Greenville S C News
March 15, 1940

NEGRO SCOUTERS TO HOLD RALLY

A. J. Taylor To Confer With Group Tuesday Night On Negro Scouting

A. J. Taylor of Greensboro, assistant to the national director of inter-racial activities of the Boy Scouts of America, will meet with negro Boy Scout leaders of Greenville, Greenwood and Anderson at the Phillis Wheatley center Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock to discuss a more extensive Boy Scout negro program in this section.

The rally will be in the form of a supper meeting. E. A. E. Huggins, Greenville negro scout commissioner, will be in charge of the program.

Taylor, who has been active in negro boy's work since 1919 and who has been a professional leader in negro scouting since 1929, will make suggestions as to how negro scouting in this section may be improved.

Chattanooga Tenn. Daily Times
March 16, 1940

NEGRO SCOUT LEADERS ENROLLED FOR TRAINING

Twenty-five Boy Scout leaders and prospective leaders have enrolled in the training school being conducted at 124½ East Ninth street by the Chattanooga scout organization for Negroes to qualify local leaders for national training certificates. The school will continue through March 21.

The school opened Tuesday, and has been addressed by W. G. Foster, Cliff Bowers, J. H. Jenkins, J. L. Morrow, U. W. Richardson and J. L. Jenkins, scout commissioner.

Sunday, following the close of the course, all colored troops of this area will stage a parade frm their headquarters at St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal church, South Chattanooga, for the annual scout sermon and formal presentation of earned certificates.

According to Scout Commissioner Jenkins, there will be floats, representing different organizations, and the Booker T. Washington High School band, to augment the marchers. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. W. F. Ball, pastor of St. Paul.

Jackson, Tenn. Sun
May 3, 1940

Natibnal Scout Leader Here For Council Meeting

Executive Board To Meet At Paris With Henry District Committee

Stanley A. Harris, national director of Inter-Racial Activities for the Boy Scouts of America, will attend a meeting of the executive board of the West Tennessee Area Boy Scout council tonight at Paris.

Making his official visit to the council, Mr. Harris was in Jackson today and will accompany a group of Jacksonians to the executive board meeting over which Council President J. M. Phillips will preside.

The inter-racial activities director will participate in the board meeting and in the meeting of the Henry District Committee, to be held in connection with it.

Among the Jacksonians who will be present are, in addition to Mr. Phillips, Scout Executive Thomas Bryant, Horace Coyne, Dr. N. F. LaGrange, Sam Lawrence, Mike Freeman. Several others from Milan and other towns of the council will attend.

Mr. Harris, long active in Scouting, became State Boys' Work secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for Kentucky, resigning his Scoutmastership and was commissioned as a Special Field Scout Commissioner by the National Council of Boy Scouts of America. He served until 1917 when he became National Field Commissioner with headquarters at Richmond, Va. The following year he was transferred to Memphis as National Field Executive in charge of 14 states, and later he was made assistant national field director and national director of inter-racial activities.

VISITS SCOUT COUNCIL

Stanley A. Harris, National Director of Inter-racial Activities for the Boy Scouts of America, is making an official visit to the West Tennessee Area Boy Scout Council.